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## WARNING: THIS COMPUTER MUST BE EARTHED

**Important:** The wires in the mains lead for the computer are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green and yellow	Earth
Blue	Neutral
Brown	Live

### For United Kingdom users

The moulded plug must be used with the fuse and fuse carrier firmly in place. The fuse carrier is of the same basic colour (though not necessarily the same shade of that colour) as the coloured insert in the base of the plug. Different manufacturers' plugs and fuse carriers are not interchangeable. In the event of loss of the fuse carrier, the moulded plug **MUST NOT** be used. Either replace the moulded plug with another conventional plug wired as described below, or obtain a replacement fuse carrier from an Acorn Computers' authorised dealer. In the event of the fuse blowing it should be replaced, after clearing any faults, with a 5-amp fuse that is ASTA approved to BS1362.

### For all users

If the socket outlet available is not suitable for the plug supplied, either a different lead should be obtained or the plug should be cut off and the appropriate plug fitted and wired as noted below. The moulded plug which was cut off must be disposed of as it would be a potential shock hazard if it were to be plugged in with the cut off end of the mains cord exposed.

As the colours of the wires may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked by one of the following: the letter E, the safety earth symbol, the colour green, or the colour green and yellow.

The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N, or coloured black.

The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L, or coloured red.

## GUIDELINES FOR SAFE OPERATION

The equipment described in this guide is designed and manufactured to comply with International safety standards IEC65 (BS415) and IEC380 (BS5850), and is intended for use only as a desktop microcomputer. It should not be used for other purposes. It is most important that unpacking and installation is carried out in accordance with the instructions given in the Welcome Guide.

The equipment is robustly constructed but in the interests of continued safe and reliable operation, careful handling and the following guidelines should be observed.

- DO keep the machine within a room temperature of 5 to 35 degrees C (41 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit) and a relative humidity of 15% to 95% (non-condensing).
- DO avoid sudden extremes in temperature, exposure to direct sunlight, heat sources (such as an electric fan heater) and rain.
- DO make sure that the equipment is standing on a suitable horizontal flat surface, allowing enough space for air to circulate when the equipment is in use.
- DO ensure that wires and cables are routed sensibly so that they cannot be snagged or tripped over. Don't tug or twist any wires or cables, or use them to hang or lift any of the units.
- DO switch off and unplug the equipment and any accessories before opening any unit, to install an upgrade, for example. The main computer unit should normally be operated with the cover attached, but it can safely be switched on with the cover removed, provided that care is taken not to short circuit any connections or to allow any fingers or objects in the area of the fan or disc drives when these are running. Be especially careful with jewellery. Do not attempt to open any display or monitor unit, whether supplied with this equipment or not.
- DO make sure you have read and understood any installation instructions supplied with upgrade kits before attempting to fit them. If you have any doubts, contact your supplier.
- DON'T spill liquids on the machine. If liquid does spill, turn the machine off immediately and take it to your dealer for assessment.
- DON'T drop the equipment or subject it to excessive bumping and jarring. This is particularly important if you have a hard disc installed.
- DON'T poke objects through the ventilation openings in the computer casing, and don't let items such as necklaces or bracelets drop into the openings.
- DON'T exceed a maximum power consumption of 20 watts from the Podule backplane supply.
- DON'T balance any objects or stand other equipment not designed for the purpose, on top of this equipment.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Nature and purpose of this manual

**This manual is a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Archimedes 300 Series Module Level Service Manual, Acorn Part Number 0476,140.**

It is intended to provide the information required to diagnose and rectify faults in the Archimedes 300 series high performance computer system at module level and, unless the module is non-serviceable, at component level.

The information contained in this manual is aimed at service engineers and Acorn dealers who will be servicing the Archimedes 300 series high performance computer system on behalf of Acorn Computers Limited.

Details of service policy are as specified by Acorn Computers Limited in the Service and Support Strategy document.

For the following information, see the 300 Series Module Level Service Manual:

- Technical Specification

- Packaging and Installation

- Disassembly and Assembly

- Upgrading (upgrade kit fitting instructions)

- Connectors, Interfaces, Links and Test Points

- Appendix:

  - Archimedes Serial Port - Application Note

  - Acorn Dealer Test Software Test Instructions

  - Sample Service Report

  - Main PCB Layout Drawings

  - Main PCB Circuit Diagram

  - Assembly Drawings

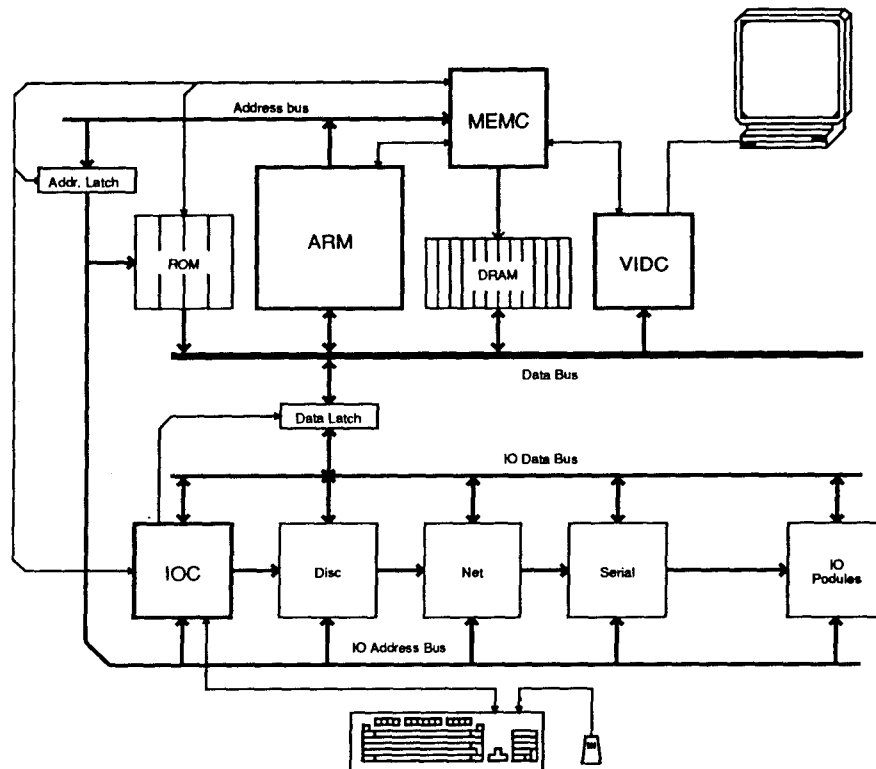
Reference should be made to the Appendix for the latest Production and Field Change information, prior to servicing.

## 2. System Description

### Introduction

The Archimedes 300 series is built around the *A Series* chip set, comprising the Acorn Risc Machine (ARM), the Memory Controller (MEMC), Video Controller (VIDC) and Input Output Controller (IOC).

A schematic of the Archimedes 300 series is shown below:



### General

The ARM (Acorn Risc Machine) IC is a pipelined, 32 bit reduced instruction set microprocessor which accepts instructions and manipulates data via a high speed 32 bit data bus and 26 bit address bus giving a 64 MByte uniform address space. The ARM supports virtual memory systems using a simple but powerful instruction set with good high-level language compiler support.

The Memory Controller (MEMC) acts as the interface between the ARM, the Video Controller, I/O Controllers, Read-Only Memory (ROM) and Dynamic memory devices (DRAM), providing all the critical system timing signals including processor clocks.

1 MByte of DRAM (0.5 MByte in model 305) is connected to MEMC which provides all signals and refresh operations. A Logical to Physical Translator maps the Physical Memory into a 32 MByte Logical address space (with three levels of protection) allowing Virtual Memory and Multi-Tasking operations to be implemented. Fast 'page mode' DRAM accesses are used to maximise memory bandwidth. The VIDC requests data from the RAM when required and buffers it in one of three FIFOs before using it. Data is requested in blocks of four 32-bit words, allowing efficient use of paged-mode DRAM without locking the system data bus for long periods.

MEMC supports Direct Memory Access (DMA) operations with a set of programmable DMA Address Generators which provide a circular buffer for Video data, a linear buffer for Cursor data and a double buffer for Sound data.

The Video Controller (VIDC) takes video data from memory under DMA control, serialises it and passes it through a colour look-up palette and converts it to analogue signals for driving the CRT guns. The

VIDC also controls all the display timing parameters and controls the position and pattern of the cursor sprite. In addition, it incorporates an exponential Digital to Analogue Converter (DAC) and stereo image table for the generation of high quality sound from data in the DRAM.

The VIDC is a highly programmable device, offering a very wide choice of display formats. The colour look-up palette which drives the three on-chip DACs is 13 bits wide, offering a choice from 4096 colours or an external video source.

The cursor sprite is 32 pixels wide and any number of rasters high. Three simultaneous colours (again from a choice of 4096) are supported and any pixel can be defined as transparent, making possible cursors of many shapes. It can be positioned anywhere on the screen. The sound system implemented on the device can support up to 8 channels, each with a separate stereo position.

The Input Output Controller (IOC) controls the I/O bus, expansion Podules and provides basic functions such as the keyboard interface, system timers, interrupt masks and control registers. It supports a number of different peripheral cycles and all I/O accesses are memory mapped.

## The I/O system

The I/O system is controlled by the I/O Controller IOC and the Memory Controller MEMC. The I/O Bus supports all the internal peripherals and the PODULE expansions. Details of the expansion bus can be found elsewhere in this manual.

*This section presents details of the I/O system for particular versions of the Archimedes series. It is intended to give the reader an understanding of Archimedes computers and should not be used to program the I/O system directly. The implementation details are liable to change at any time and only the published software interfaces should be used to manipulate the I/O system. It is important to realise that future systems may have a different implementation of the I/O system, and in particular the addresses (and number) of Podule locations may move. For this reason, and to ensure that any device may be plugged into any slot, all driver code for Podules must be relocatable. References to the direct Podule addresses should never be used. It is up to the machine operating system, in conjunction with the Podule ID to determine the address at which a Podule should be accessed. To this extent, some of the following sections are for background information only.*

## System Architecture

The I/O system (which includes podule devices) consists of a 16 bit data bus (BD[0:15]) a buffered address bus (LA[2:21]) and various control and timing signals. The I/O data bus is independent from the main 32-bit system data bus, being separated from it by bidirectional latches and buffers. In this way the I/O data bus can run at much slower speeds than the main system bus to cater for slower peripheral devices. The latches between the 2 buses and hence the I/O bus timing are controlled by the I/O controller, IOC. The IOC caters for 4 different cycle speeds (slow, medium, fast and synchronous).

A typical 300 series I/O system with 'simple' Podules fitted is shown in the diagram on page 8. The Podules are controlled by IOC. For clarity, the data and address buses are omitted from this diagram.

## SYSTEM MEMORY MAP

The system memory map is defined by the MEMC, and is shown on page 9. Note that all system components, including I/O devices, are memory mapped.

## I/O SPACE MEMORY MAP

This IOC-controlled space has allocation for Simple Podules and External Podules.

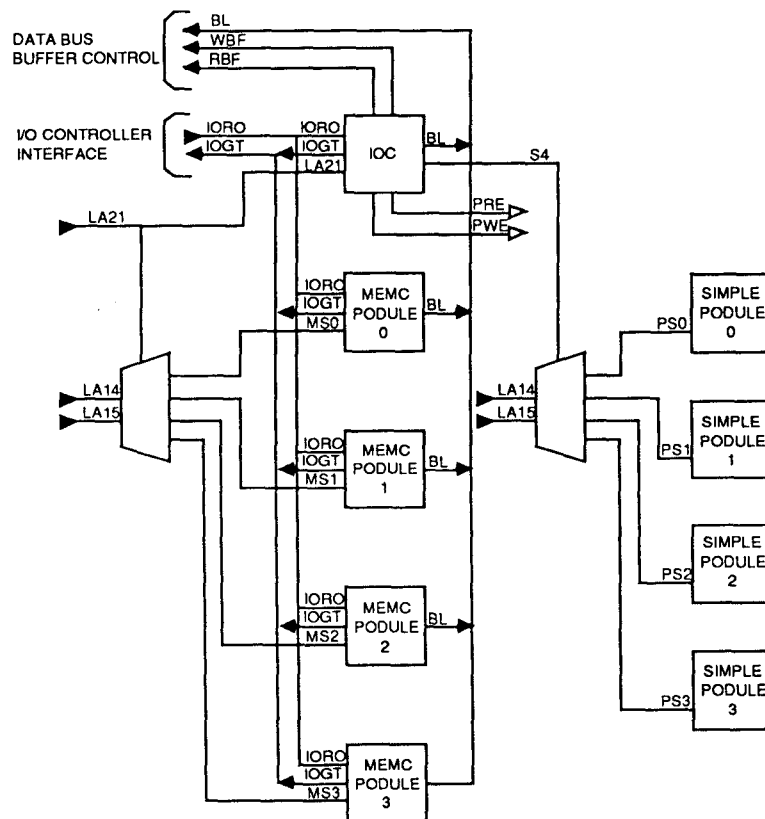
## DATA BUS MAPPING

The I/O data bus is 16 bits wide. Byte-wide accesses are used for 8-bit peripherals. The I/O data bus (BD[0:15]) connects to the main system data bus (D[0:31]) via a set of bidirectional data latches.

The mapping of the BD[0:15] bus onto the D[0:31] bus is as follows:

During a WRITE (ie ARM to peripheral) BD[0:15] is mapped to D[16:31].

During a READ (ie peripheral to ARM) BD[0:15] is mapped to D[0:15]



### BYTE ACCESSES

To access byte-wide podules, byte instructions are used. A byte store instruction will place the written byte on all four bytes of the word, and will therefore correctly place the desired value on the lowest byte of the I/O bus. A byte or word load may be used to read a byte-wide podule into the lowest byte of an ARM register.

### HALF-WORD ACCESSES

To access a 16-bit wide podule, half-word instructions are used. When storing, the half-word is placed on the upper 16 bits,  $D[16:31]$ . To maintain upwards compatibility with future machines, half-word stores replicate the written data on the lower half-word,  $D[0:15]$ . When reading, the upper 16 bits are undefined.

### PODULE IDENTIFICATION

It is important that the system is able to identify what podules (if any) are present, and where they are. This is done by reading the Podule Identification (PI) byte, or bytes, from the Podule Identification Field.

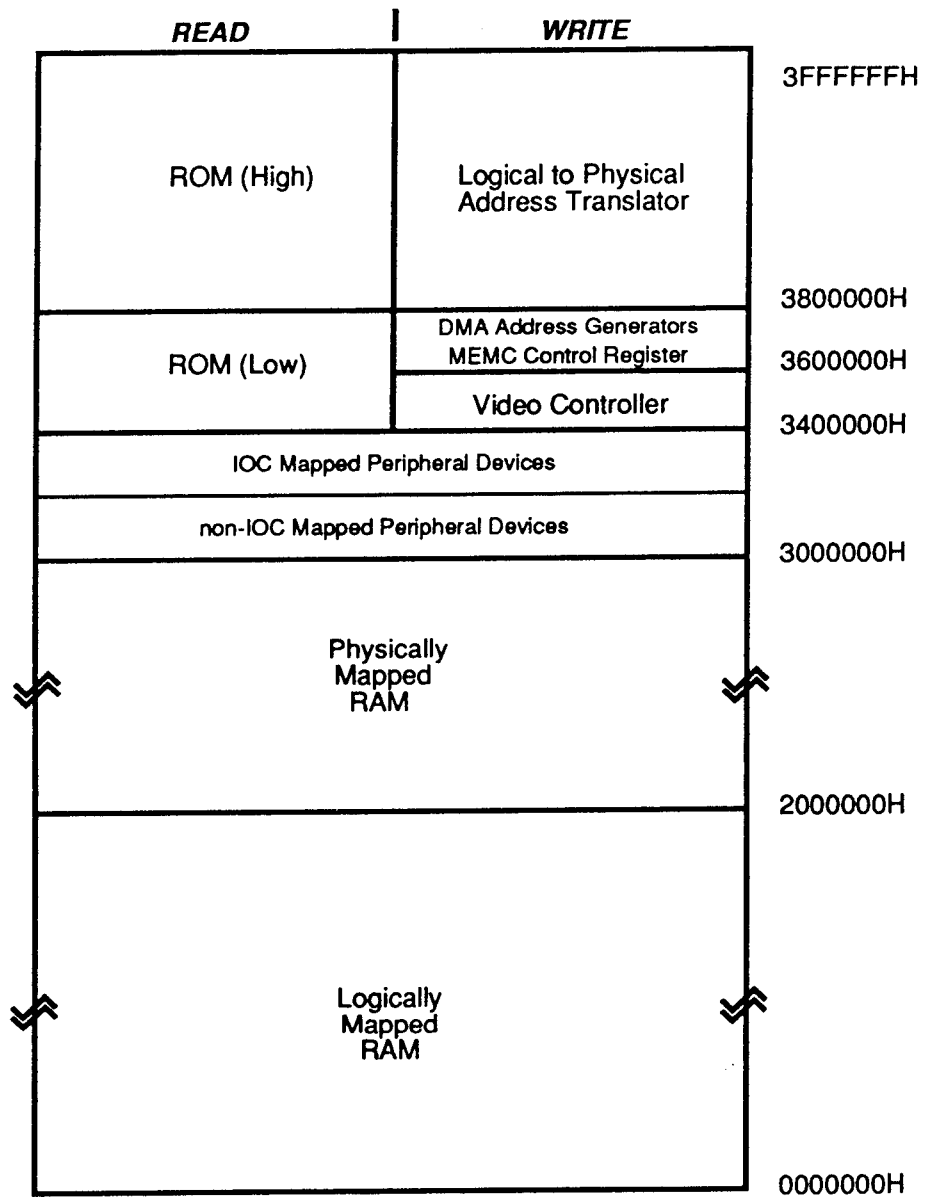
### I/O ADDRESS MEMORY MAPPING

All I/O accesses are memory mapped. The IOC is connected as detailed in the table below:

IOC	ARM
[OE]	[LA[21]]
[T[1]]	[LA[20]]
[T[0]]	[LA[19]]
[B[2]]	[LA[18]]
[B[1]]	[LA[17]]
[B[0]]	[LA[16]]

### IOC address mapping





System memory map

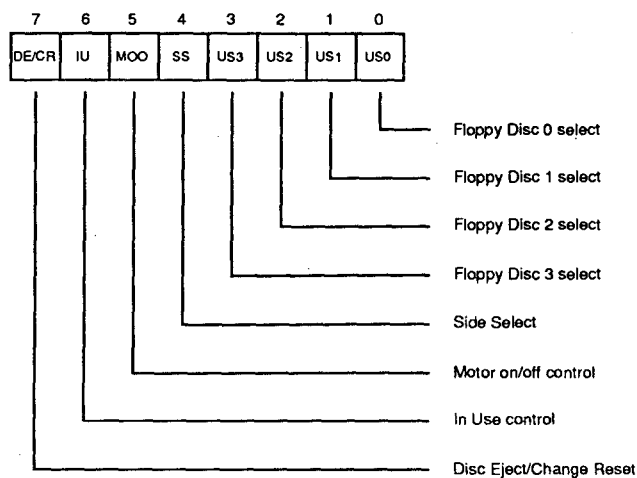
Address	Read	Write
3200000H	Control	Control
3200004H	Serial Rx Data	Serial Tx Data
3200008H	-	-
320000CH	-	-
3200010H	IRQ status A	-
3200014H	IRQ request A	IRQ clear
3200018H	IRQ mask A	IRQ mask A
320001CH	-	-
3200020H	IRQ status B	-
3200024H	IRQ request B	-
3200028H	IRQ mask B	IRQ mask B
320002CH	-	-
3200030H	FIQ status	-
3200034H	FIQ request	-
3200038H	FIQ mask	FIQ mask
320003CH	-	-
3200040H	T0 count Low	T0 latch Low
3200044H	T0 count High	T0 latch High
3200048H	-	T0 go command
320004CH	-	T0 latch command
3200050H	T1 count Low	T1 latch Low
3200054H	T1 count High	T1 latch High
3200058H	-	T1 go command
320005CH	-	T1 latch command
3200060H	T2 count Low	T2 latch Low
3200064H	T2 count High	T2 latch High
3200068H	-	T2 go command
320006CH	-	T2 latch command
3200070H	T3 count Low	T3 latch Low
3200074H	T3 count High	T3 latch High
3200078H	-	T3 go command
320007CH	-	T3 latch command

### Internal Register Memory Map

## Programming Details

### EXTERNAL LATCH A

The External Latch A is a write only latch used to control parts of the floppy disc sub-system.



Cycle Type	Bank	Base Address	IC	Use
Fast	1	&3310000	1772	Floppy Disc Controller
Sync	2	&33A0000	6854	Econet Controller
Sync	3	&33B0000	6551	Serial Line Controller
Slow	4	&3240000	Podule	Internal Podules
Med.	4	&32C0000	Podule	Internal Podules
Fast	4	&3340000	Podule	Internal Podules
Sync	4	&33C0000	Podule	Internal Podules
Med.	5	&32D0000	HD63463	Hard disc REGISTER WRITE
Med.	5	&32D0020	HD63463	Hard disc REGISTER READ
Med.	5	&32D0008	HD63463	Hard disc DMA READ
Med.	5	&32D0028	HD63463	Hard disc DMA WRITE
Fast	5	&3350010	HC374	Printer Data
Fast	5	&3350018	HC574	Latch B
Fast	5	&3350040	HC574	Latch A
	6	-	-	Reserved
Slow	7	&3270000	Podule	External Podules

#### Peripheral address

##### Bit [0:3] US [0:3]

These bits select the floppy disc unit 0 through 3 when written LOW. Only one bit should be LOW at any one time.

##### Bit 4 Side Select

This controls the side select line of the floppy disc interface.

0 = Side 1 (upper)

1 = Side 0 (lower)

##### Bit 5 Floppy Motor ON/OFF Control

This bit control the floppy disc motor line. Its exact use depends on the type of drive.

##### Bit 6 In Use

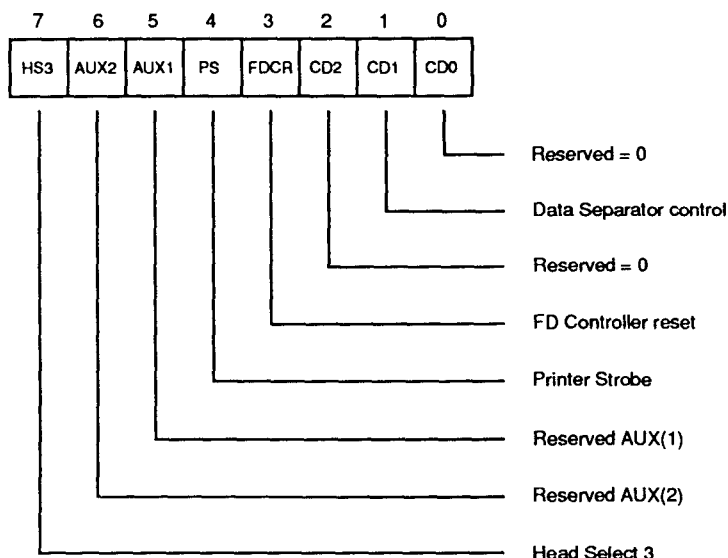
This bit controls the INUSE line of the floppy disc. Its exact use depends on the type of drive.

##### Bit 7 Disc Eject

This controls the DISC EJECT or DISC CHANGED RESET line of the floppy disc drive.

**EXTERNAL LATCH B**

The External Latch B is a write only register shared between several users who must maintain a consistent RAM copy. Updates must be made with IRQ disabled.

**Bit [0:2] CD [0:2]**

CD[0:2] should be programmed LOW for future compatibility. CD [1] controls the floppy disc data separator format.

CD[1] = 0 Double Density  
 CD[1] = 1 Single Density

**Bit 3 FDCR**

This controls the floppy disc controller reset line. When programmed LOW, the controller is RESET.

**Bit 4 Printer Strobe**

This used to indicate valid data on the printer outputs. It should be set HIGH when valid data has been written to the printer port and LOW after typically 5 µsec.

**Bit [5:6] AUX [1:2]**

These bits allow the auxiliary I/O connector AUX [1:2] pins to be programmed.

**Bit 7 HS3**

This bit controls the HS3 line of the hard disc interface. It allows extension of the ST506 interface to support up to 16 heads. It may be link selected to implement the standard ST506 "Reduced Write Current" function.

**INTERRUPTS**

The I/O system generates two independent interrupt requests, IRQ and FIQ. Interrupt requests can be caused by events internal to IOC or by external events on the interrupt or control port input pins.

The interrupts are controlled by four types of register, *status*, *mask*, *request* and *clear*. The *status registers* reflect the current state of the various interrupt sources. The *mask registers* determine which sources may generate an interrupt. The *request registers* are the logical AND of the *status* and *mask registers* and indicate which sources are generating interrupt requests to the processor. The *clear register* allows clearing of interrupt requests where appropriate. The *mask registers* are undefined after power up.

The IRQ events are split into two sets of registers A and B. There is no priority encoding of the sources.

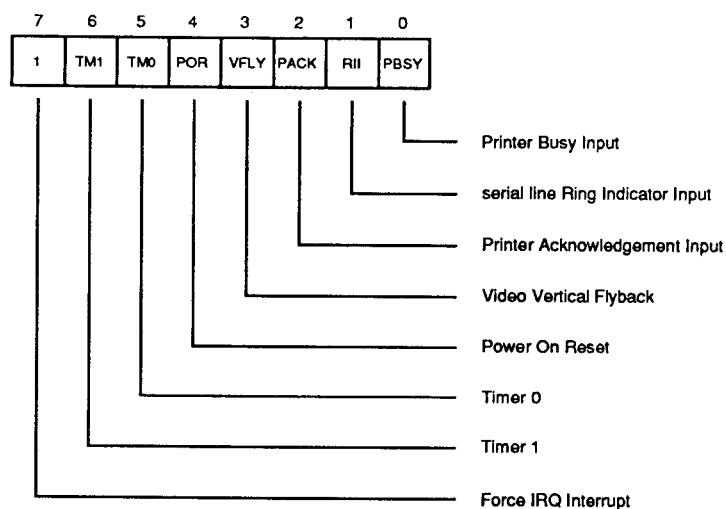
## Internal Interrupt Events

- Timer interrupts TM[0:1]
- Power-on reset POR
- Keyboard Rx data available SRx
- Keyboard Tx data register empty STx
- Force interrupts "1"

## External Interrupt Events

- IRQ active low inputs IL[0:7] wired as PFIQ, SIRQ, WIRQ, DCIRQ, PIRQ, PBSY and RII.
- IRQ falling-edge input IF wired as PACK
- IRQ rising-edge input IR wired as VFLY
- FIQ active high inputs FII[0:1] wired as FFDQ and FFIQ
- FIQ active low input FL wired as EFIQ
- Control port inputs C[3:5]

## IRQ STATUS A



### Bit 0 PBSY

This bit indicates that the printer is busy.

### Bit 1 RII

This bit indicates that a Ringing Indication has been detected by the serial line interface.

### Bit 2 Printer Acknowledge

This bit indicates that a printer acknowledgement bit has been received.

### Bit 3 Vertical Flyback

This bit indicates that a vertical flyback has commenced.

### Bit 4 Power-on Reset

This bit indicates that a power-on reset has occurred.

### Bit [5:6] Timer 0 and Timer 1 events

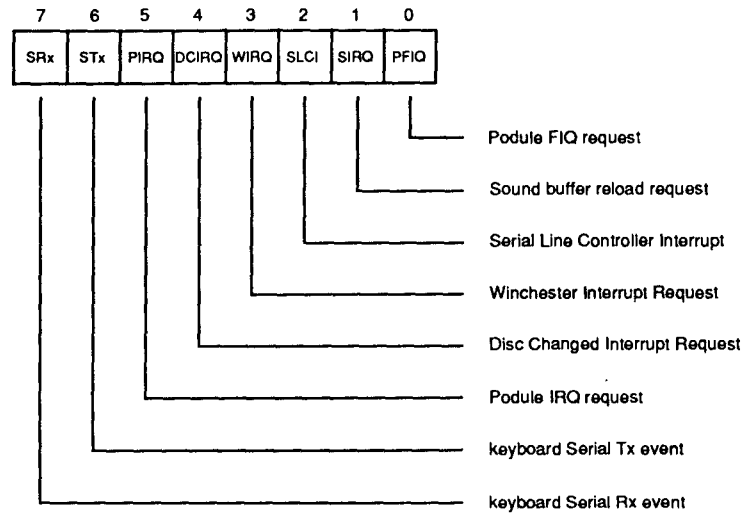
These bits indicate that events have occurred.

Note: latched interrupt.

### Bit 7 Force

This bit is used to force an IRQ request. It is usually owned by the FIQ owner and is used to downgrade FIQ requests into IRQs.

## IRQ STATUS B

**Bit 0 Podule FIQ request (PFIQ)**

This bit indicates that a Podule FIQ request has been received. It should usually be masked OFF.

**Bit 1 Sound buffer swap (SIRQ)**

This bit indicates that the MEMC sound buffer pointer has been relocated.

**Bit 2 Serial line controller (SLCI)**

This bit indicates that 65C51 serial line controller interrupt has occurred.

**Bit 3 Winchester interrupt**

This bit indicates that a Winchester (Hard disc) interrupt has occurred.

**Bit 4 Disc Changed Interrupt (DCIRQ)**

This bit indicates that the floppy disc has been removed.

**Bit 5 Podule interrupt request (PIRQ)**

This bit indicates that a Podule IRQ request has occurred.

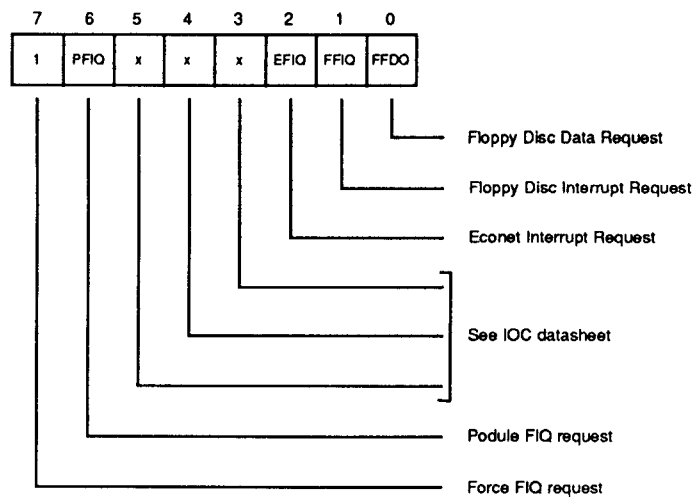
**Bit 6 Keyboard transmission event**

This bit indicates that the keyboard transmit register is empty and may be reloaded.

**Bit 7 Keyboard reception event**

This bit indicates that the keyboard reception register is full and may be read.

## INTERRUPT STATUS FIQ



### Bit 0 Floppy disc data request (FFDR)

This bit indicates that a Floppy Disc Data Request has occurred.

### Bit 1 Floppy disc interrupt request (FFTIQ)

This bit indicates that a Floppy Disc Interrupt Request has occurred.

### Bit 2 Econet Interrupt request (EFIQ)

This bit indicates that an Econet Interrupt Request has occurred.

### Bit [3:5] C[3:5]

See IOC data sheet for details.

### Bit 6 Podule FIQ request (PFIQ)

This bit indicates that a Podule FIQ Request has occurred.

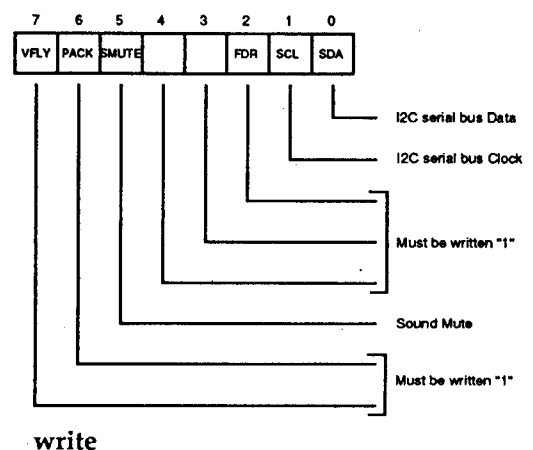
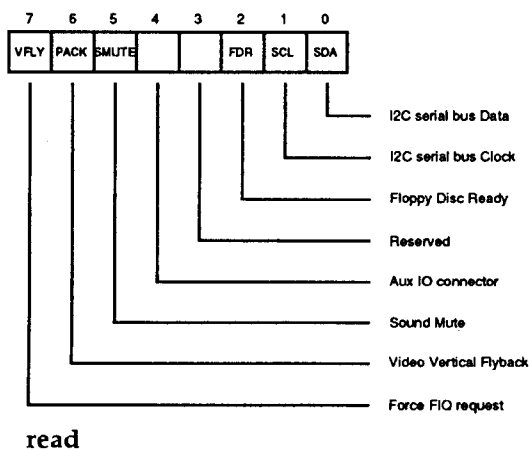
### Bit 7 Force

This bit allows an FIQ interrupt request to be generated.

## CONTROL PORT

The control register allows the external control pins C[0:5] to be read and written and the status of the PACK and VFLY inputs to be inspected. The C[0:5] bits manipulate the C[0:5] I/O port. When read, they reflect the current state of these pins. When written LOW the output pin is driven LOW. These outputs are open-drain, and if programmed HIGH the pin is undriven and may be treated as an input.

On reset all bits in the control register are set to "1".



**C[7] (VFLYBK) and Test Mode**

C[7] allows the state of the (VFLYBK) signal to be inspected. This bit will be read HIGH during vertical flyback and LOW during display. See VIDC datasheet for details. This bit **MUST** be programmed HIGH to select normal operation of the chip.

**C[6] (PACK) and Test Mode**

C[6] allows the state of the parallel printer acknowledge input to be inspected. This bit **MUST** be programmed HIGH to select normal operation of the the chip.

**C[5] (SMUTE)**

This controls the muting of the internal speaker. It is programmed HIGH to mute the speaker and LOW to enable it. The speaker is muted on reset.

**C[4] (C4)**

C[4] is available on the Auxiliary I/O connector.

**C[3]**

C[3] is reserved and should be programmed HIGH.

**C[2] (READY)**

C[2] is used as the floppy disc (READY) input and must be programmed HIGH.

**C[1:0] SDA, SCL The I<sup>2</sup>C Bus**

The C[0:1] pins are used to implement the bi-directional serial I<sup>2</sup>C bus to which the Real Time Clock and battery RAM are connected.

**The Sound System**

The sound system is based on the VIDC stereo sound hardware. External analogue anti-alias filters are used which are optimised for a 20 kHz sample rate. The high quality sound output is available at a 3.5mm stereo jack socket at the rear of the machine which will directly drive personal stereo headphones or alternatively an amplifier and speakers. A mono mix of the sound output is sent to the internal loudspeaker. In addition, an unfiltered stereo signal is available at the Auxiliary Audio connector on the main board.

**THE VIDEO CONTROLLER SOUND SYSTEM HARDWARE**

VIDC contains an independent sound channel consisting of the following components: A four-word FIFO buffers sixteen 8-bit sound samples with a DMA request issued whenever the last byte is consumed from the FIFO. The sample bytes are read out at a constant sample rate programmed into the 8-bit Audio Frequency Register; which may be programmed to allow samples to be output synchronously at any integer value between 3 and 255 microsecond intervals .

The sample data bytes are treated as <sup>Sign</sup> ~~Sine~~ plus seven-bit logarithmic magnitude and after exponential digital to analogue conversion, de-glitching and sign-bit steering, are output as a current at one of the audio output pins to be integrated and filtered externally.

VIDC also contains a bank of eight stereo image position registers each of 3 bits. These 8 registers are sequenced through at the sample rate with the first register synchronised to the first byte clocked out of the FIFO. Every sample time is divided into eight time slots and the three bit image value programmed for each register is used to pulse width modulate the output amplitude between the LEFT and RIGHT audio current outputs in multiples of time slot subdivisions. This allows the signal to be spatially positioned in one of seven stereo image positions.

**THE MEMORY CONTROLLER SOUND SYSTEM HARDWARE**

MEMC provides three internal DMA address registers to support Sound buffer output; these control the DMA operations performed following Sound DMA requests from VIDC. The registers allow the physical addresses for the START, PNTR (incremental) and END buffer pointers to a block of data sample in the lowest half Megabyte of physical RAM to be accessed. These operate as follows: programming a 19-bit address into the PNTR register sets the physical address from which sequential DMA reads will occur (in multiples of 4 words) and programming the END pointer sets the last physical address of the buffer. Whenever the PNTR register increments up to this END value the address programmed into the START



register is automatically written into the PNTR register for the DMA to continue with a new sample buffer in memory. A Sound Buffer Interrupt (SIRQ) signal is generated when the reload operation occurs which is processed by IOC as a maskable interrupt (IRQ) source.

The Memory Controller also includes a sound channel enable/disable signal. Because this enable/disable control signal is not synchronised to the sound sampling requests will normally be disabled after the waveforms which are being synthesised have been programmed to decay to zero amplitude; the last value loaded into the Audio data latch in the VIDC will be output to each of the Stereo image positions at the current Audio Sample rate.

#### THE I/O CONTROLLER SOUND SYSTEM HARDWARE

IOC provides a programmed output control signal which is used to turn the internal speaker on or off, as well as an interrupt enable/status/reset register interface for the Sound Start Buffer reload signal generated by the Memory Controller.

The internal speaker may be muted by the control line SMUTE which is driven from the IOC output C5. On reset this signal will be taken high and the internal speaker will be muted.

The stereo output to the Hi-Fi stereo output is not muted by SMUTE and will always reflect the current output of the DAC channels.

#### The Keyboard

The ARM to keyboard connection is essentially a half duplex connection with handshaking by the ARM, plus a small amount of command protocol by the ARM. When the keyboard has sent a byte, in normal operation, it will not send again until it has received an Ack from the ARM. The only exception to this is during the reset protocol used to synchronise the handshaking, where each side is expecting specific responses from the other, and will not respond further until it has those.

In addition to this simple handshaking system, the keyboard will not send mouse data unless specifically allowed to, as indicated by Ack Mouse, which allows the transmission of one set of accumulated mouse coordinate changes, or the next move made by the mouse. While it is not allowed to send mouse changes the keyboard will buffer mouse changes.

A similar handshake exists on key changes, transmitted as key up and key down, and enabled by Ack Scan. At the end of a keyboard packet (two bytes) ARM should always perform an Ack Scan as there is no protocol for re-enabling later. With the mouse, the ARM may request mouse data some time later by means of Request Mouse Position (RQMP).

#### KEY CODES

The keyboard identifies each key by its row and column address in the keyboard matrix. Row and column codes are appended to the key up or down prefix to form the complete key code.

e.g. 'Q' key down, the complete row code is 11000010 (C2 hex) and the column code is 11000111 (C7 hex).

Note: Eight keys have N key roll over. The ARM is responsible for implementing two-key rollover, therefore the keyboard transmits all key changes (when enabled). The keyboard does not operate any auto-repeat, only one down code is sent, at the start of the key down period.

Operating voltage range (measured at the cable plug) is 5 V  $\pm$  0.5 V. Maximum current consumption of the of the keyboard is 60 mA (note that the mouse may use up to an additional 100 mA).

A maximum delay of 100ms is permissible from release of the reset switch to the first keyboard transmission of HRST.

#### SERIAL INTERFACE

Information on the keyboard status is sent to the ARM via a serial data link using NRZ encoding. Command and acknowledge codes are similarly sent from the computer to the keyboard along a serial data link. The two links form a full duplex system which operates at 31.25 k baud. Each data byte (eight data bits) is preceded by a single start bit (Logic 1). The least significant data bit (D0) is sent first. The last data bit (D7) is followed by two stop bits (Logic 0). Note that data is sent in inverted form, that is a logic 1 data bit will appear on the serial line as a logic 0 and vice versa.

When idle the line is held at a logic 0 level.

## Serial INPUT/OUTPUT characteristics

Serial line signals are CMOS compatible. The data line logic input has a nominal switching threshold of 50% of the supply voltage, to minimise skew between rising and falling edges. Signal hysteresis is provided on input lines, to minimise noise susceptibility.

## SERIAL DATA PROTOCOL

Serial data transmissions from the keyboard are either one or two bytes in length. Each byte sent is individually acknowledged by the ARM. The keyboard will not transmit a byte until the previous byte has been acknowledged, unless it is the HRST code indicating that a power on or user reset occurred or that a protocol error occurred; see below.

### Reset Protocol

The keyboard restarts when it receives a HardReSeT (HRST) code from the ARM. To initiate a restart the keyboard sends a HRST code to the ARM, which will then send back HRST to command a restart. The keyboard sends HRST to the ARM if :

- A power on reset occurs
- A User reset occurs
- A protocol error is detected

After sending HRST, the keyboard waits for a HRST code. Any non HRST code received causes the keyboard to resend HRST. The pseudo program below illustrates the reset sequence or protocol.

```
START reset
ONerror Send HRST code to ARM then wait for code from ARM.
IF code = HRST THEN restart ELSE error
ONrestart clear mouse position counters
           set mouse mode to data only in response to an RMPS request.
           stop key matrix scanning and set key flags to up
           send HRST code to ARM
Wait for next code
IF code = RAK1 THEN send RAK1 to ARM ELSE error
Wait for next code
IF code = RAK2 THEN send RAK2 to ARM ELSE error
Wait for next code
IF code = SMAK THEN mouse mode to send if not zero and enable key scan
ELSE IF code = SACK THEN enable key scanning
ELSE IF code = MACK THEN set mouse mode to send when not zero
ELSE IF code = NACK THEN do nothing ELSE error
END reset
```

### Reset sequencing

Direction	Code	Expected reply	Action on wrong reply (Sender)	Action on timeout (Sender)	Action if unexpected (Receiver)
ARM -> Kb	Hard reset	Hard reset	Resend	Resend	Hard reset
Kb -> ARM	Hard reset	Reset Ack 1	Resend	Nothing	Hard reset
ARM -> Kb	Reset Ack 1	Reset Ack 1	Hard reset	Hard reset	Hard reset
Kb -> ARM	Reset Ack 1	Reset Ack 2	Nothing	Nothing	Hard reset
ARM -> Kb	Reset Ack 2	Reset Ack 2	Hard reset	Hard reset	Hard reset

Note, the on/off state of the LED's does not change across a reset event, hence the LED state is not defined at power on. The ARM is always responsible for selecting the LED status. After the reset sequence, Key scanning will only be enabled if a scan enable acknowledge (SACK or SMAK) was received from the ARM.

### Data Transmission

When enabled for scanning, the keyboard informs the ARM of any new key down or new key up by sending a two byte code incorporating the key row and column addresses. The first byte gives the row and is acknowledged by a byte acknowledge (BACK) code from the ARM. If BACK was not the acknowledge code then the error process (ONerror) is entered. If the BACK code was received the keyboard sends the column information and waits for an acknowledge. If either a NACK, SACK, MACK or SMAK acknowledge code is received, the keyboard continues by processing the ack. type and selecting the mouse and scan modes implied. If the character received as the second byte acknowledge was not one of NACK/MACK/SACK/SMAK then the error process is entered.

### Mouse Data

Mouse data is sent by the keyboard if requested by a RQMP request from the ARM or if a SMAK or MACK have enabled transmission of non-zero values. Two bytes are used for mouse position data. Byte one encodes the accumulated movement along the X axis while byte two gives Y axis movement.

Both X and Y counts must be transferred to temporary registers when data transmission is triggered, so that accumulation of further mouse movement can occur. The X and Y counters are cleared upon each transfer to the transmit holding registers. Therefore, the count values are relative to the last values sent. The ARM acknowledges the first byte (Xcount) with a BACK code and the second byte (Ycount) with any of NACK/MACK/SACK/SMAK. A protocol failure causes the keyboard to enter the error process (ONerror).

When transmission of non-zero mouse data is enabled, the keyboard gives Key data transmission priority over mouse data except when the mouse counter over/underflows.

### Acknowledge Codes

There are seven acknowledge codes which may be sent by the ARM. RAK1 and RAK2 are used during the reset sequence. BACK is the acknowledge to the first byte of a two byte keyboard data set. The four remaining types, NACK/MACK/SACK and SMAK, acknowledge the final byte of a data set. NACK disables key scanning and therefore key up/down data transmission as well as setting the mouse mode to send data only on RQMP request. SACK enables key scanning and key data transmission but disables unsolicited mouse data. MACK disables key scanning and keydata transmission and enables the transmission of mouse count values if either X or Y counts are non-zero. SMAK enables key scanning and both key and mouse data transmission. It combines the enable function of SACK and MACK.

While key scanning is suspended (after NACK or MACK) any new key depression is ignored and will not result in a key down transmission unless the key remains down after scanning resumes following a SACK or SMAK. Similarly a key release is ignored while scanning is off.

Command may be received at any time. Therefore, commands can be interleaved with acknowledge replies from the ARM, eg keyboard sends KDDA (1st byte), keyboard receives command, keyboard receives BACK, keyboard sends KDDA (2nd byte), keyboard receives command, keyboard receives SMAK. If the HRST command is received the keyboard immediately enters the restart sequence, see (ONrestart). The LEDS and PRST commands may be acted on immediately. Commands which require a response are held pending until the current data protocol is complete. Repeated commands only require a single response from the keyboard.

**ARM COMMANDS**

Mnemonic	Function
HRST	Reset keyboard
LEDS	Turns key cap LED's on/off. A three bit field indicates which state the LED's should be in. Logic 1 is ON, logic 0 (zero) OFF. D0 controls CAPS LOCK D1 controls NUM LOCK D2 controls SCROLL LOCK
RQMP	Request mouse position (X,Y counts)
RQID	Request keyboard identification code. The keyboard is manufactured with a 6 bit code to identify the keyboard type to the ARM. Upon receipt of RQID the keyboard transmits KBID to the ARM
PRST	Reserved for future use, keyboard ignores this command
RQPD	For future use. The keyboard will encode the four data bits into the PDAT code data field and then send PDAT to the ARM.

**Code values**

Mnemonic	msb	lsb	Comments
HRST	1111	1111	One byte command, keyboard reset
RAK1	1111	1110	One byte response in reset protocol
RAK2	1111	1101	One byte response in reset protocol
RQPD	0100	xxxx	One byte From ARM, encodes four bits of data
PDAT	1110	xxxx	One byte from keyboard, echoes four data bits of RQPD
RQID	0010	0000	One byte ARM request for keyboard ID
KBID	10xx	xxxx	One byte from keyboard encoding keyboard ID
KDDA	1100	xxxx	New key down data. Encoded Row (1st byte) and column (2nd byte) numbers
KUDA	1101	xxxx	Encoded Row (1st byte) and column (2nd byte) numbers for a new key up
RQMP	0010	0010	One byte ARM request for mouse data
MDAT	0xxx	xxxx	Encoded mouse count, X (byte1) then Y (byte2) Only from ARM to keyboard
BACK	0011	1111	Ack for first keyboard data byte pair
NACK	0011	0000	Last data byte ack, selects scan/mouse mode see 1.5.7
SACK	0011	0001	Last data byte ack, see 1.5.7
MACK	0011	0010	Last data byte ack, see 1.5.7
SMAK	0011	0011	Last data byte ack, see 1.5.7
LEDS	0000	0xxx	bit flag to turn LED(s) on/off
PRST	0010	0001	From ARM, one byte command, does nothing

x is a data bit in the Code e.g. xxxx is a four bit data field

**INTERCONNECTION CABLE**

The interconnection cable has stranded conductors, suitable for operation at 5 V, 200 mA per conductor.

## MOUSE INTERFACE

The mouse interface has three switch sense inputs and two quadrature encoded movement signals for each of the X axis and Y axis directions. Mouse key operations are debounced and then reported to the ARM using the Acorn key up / key down protocol. The mouse keys are allocated unused row and column codes within the main key matrix.

Switch 1 (left)                      Row code - 7      Column code - 0

Switch 2 (middle)                  Row code - 7      Column code - 1

Switch 3 (right)                    Row code - 7      Column code - 2

e.g. Switch 1 release would give 11010111 (D7 hex) as the complete row code, followed by 11010000 (D0 hex) for the column code.

Note: Mouse keys are disabled by NACK and MACK acknowledge codes, and are only enabled by SACK and SMAK codes, ie they behave in the same way as the keyboard keys.

The mouse is powered from the keyboard 5 V supply and may consume up to 100 mA. The keyboard design ensures that the power supply voltage at the mouse connector is within  $\pm 150$  mV of the voltage supplied at the keyboard cable plug. Sufficient power supply decoupling is provided to ensure that connection and disconnection of the mouse from the keyboard does not affect normal keyboard operation.

### Movement Signals

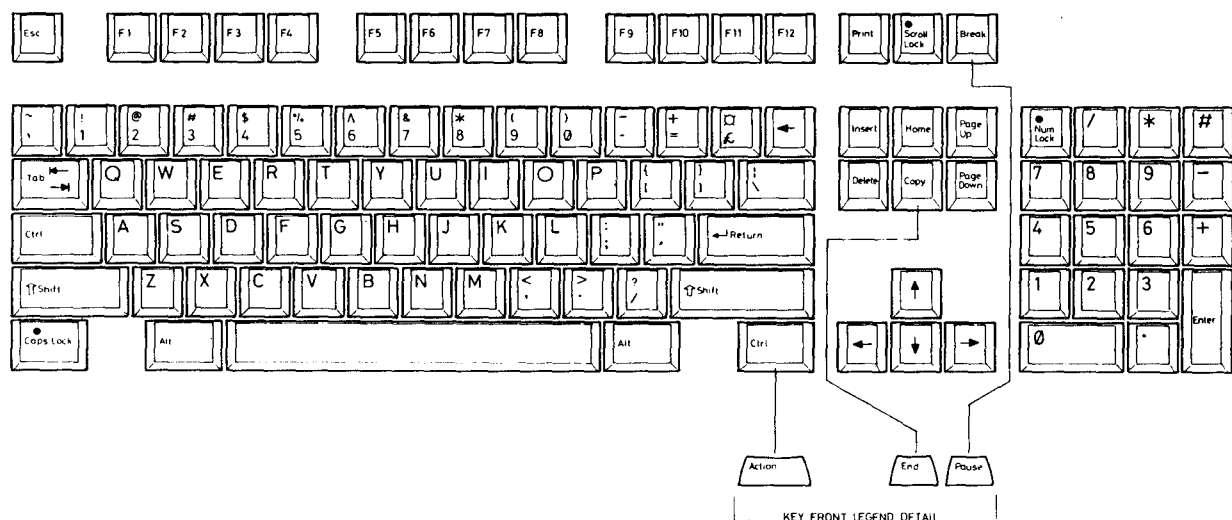
Each axis of movement is independently encoded in two quadrature signals. The two signals are labelled REFERENCE and DIRECTION (e.g. X REF and X DIR). The table below defines the absolute direction of movement. Circuitry in the keyboard decodes the quadrature signals and maintains a signed 7 bit count for each axis of mouse movement.

Initial State		Next State		
REF	DIR	REF	DIR	
1	1	1	0	}
1	0	0	0	}
0	0	0	1	}
0	1	1	1	}
				Increase count by one for each change of state.
1	1	0	1	}
0	1	0	0	}
0	0	1	0	}
1	0	1	1	}
				Decrease count by one for each change of state.

When count overflow or underflow occurs on either axis both X and Y axis counts lock and ignore further mouse movement until the current data has been sent to the ARM.

Overflow occurs when a counter holds its maximum positive count (0111111 binary). Underflow occurs when a counter holds its maximum negative count (1000000 binary).

## KEY SWITCH MAPPING



Key Posn	Key Size	Key Name	Row code	Col. code	See table	Key cap front Legend
F1	1	Esc	0	0	1	
F2	1	F1	0	1	2	
F3	1	F2	0	2	2	
F4	1	F3	0	3	2	
F5	1	F4	0	4	2	
F6	1	F5	0	5	2	
F7	1	F6	0	6	2	
F8	1	F7	0	7	2	
F9	1	F8	0	8	2	
F10	1	F9	0	9	2	
F11	1	F10	0	A	2	
F12	1	F11	0	B	2	
F13	1	F12	0	C	2	
F14	1	Print	0	D	1, 3	
F15	1	Scroll	0	E	1	
F16	1	Break	0	F	1	TBA (P959 Pause)
E1	1	~	1	0		
E2	1	1	1	1		
E3	1	2	1	2		
E4	1	3	1	3		
E5	1	4	1	4		
E6	1	5	1	5		
E7	1	6	1	6		
E8	1	7	1	7		
E9	1	8	1	8		
E10	1	9	1	9		
E11	1	0	1	A		
E12	1	-	1	B		
E13	1	= +	1	C		
E14	1	,	1	D		
E15	1	backspc	1	E	1	
E16	1	Insert	1	F	1	
E17	1	Home	2	0	1, 3	
E18	1	Pg up	2	1	1	
E19	1	Numlock	2	2	1, 4	
E20	1	/	2	3	1	
E21	1	*	2	4	1	
E22	1	#	2	5	1	

D1	1.5	Tab	2	6	1	
D2	1	Q	2	7		
D3	1	W	2	8		
D4	1	E	2	9		
D5	1	R	2	A		
D6	1	T	2	B		
D7	1	Y	2	C		
D8	1	U	2	D		
D9	1	I	2	E		
D10	1	O	2	F		
D11	1	P	3	0		
D12	1	[ {	3	1		
D13	1	] }	3	2		
D14	1.5	\	3	3		
D15	1	Delete	3	4	1	
D16	1	Copy	3	5	1	TBA (E1100 End)
D17	1	Pg dwn	3	6	1	
D18	1	7	3	7		
D19	1	8	3	8		
D20	1	9	3	9		
D21	1	-	3	A	1	

C1	1.75	Ctrl	3	B	1,3	
C2	1	A	3	C		
C3	1	S	3	D		
C4	1	D	3	E		
C5	1	F	3	F		
C6	1	G	4	0		
C7	1	H	4	1		
C8	1	J	4	2		
C9	1	K	4	3		
C10	1	L	4	4		
C11	1	; :	4	5		
C12	1	, "	4	6		
C13	2.25	return	4	7	1	
C14	1	4	4	8		
C15	1	5	4	9		
C16	1	6	4	A		
C17	1	+	4	B	1	

Key Posn	Key Size	Key Name	Row code	Col. code	See Table	Key cap front Legend
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B1	2.25	shift	4	C	1,3	
B2		"Spare"	4	D		
B3	1	Z	4	E		
B4	1	X	4	F		
B5	1	C	5	0		
B6	1	V	5	1		
B7	1	B	5	2		
B8	1	N	5	3		
B9	1	M	5	4		
B10	1	, <	5	5		
B11	1	. >	5	6		
B12	1	/ ?	5	7		
B13	2.75	shift	5	8	1,3	
B14	1	crsrUp	5	9	1	
B15	1	1	5	A		
B16	1	2	5	B		
B17	1	3	5	C		

A1	1.5	Caps	5	D	1, 4	
A2	1.5	Alt	5	E	1, 3	
A3	7.0	Space	5	F		
A4	1.5	Alt	6	0	1, 3	
A5	1.5	Ctrl	6	1	1, 3	TBA (A1009 Action)
A6	1	crsrLt	6	2	1	
A7	1	crsrDn	6	3	1	
A8	1	crsrRt	6	4	1	
A9	2.0	0	6	5		
A10	1	.	6	6		
A11	2.0	Enter	6	7	1	

Row and column codes are in Hexadecimal  
Key positions are as shown on page 22.  
Key position with N key rollover.  
Green light emitting diode under key cap.



### 3. Upgrades

Details of upgrades available for Archimedes 300 series computers are given in the Module Level Service Manual, as follows:

- Backplane and Fan
- Econet Module
- Podule Installation Leaflet
- 0.5Mbyte RAM Upgrade Instructions
- Second Floppy Disc Upgrade Instructions
- Hard Disc Upgrade Instructions
- Hard Disc Upgrade Installation Leaflet
- MIDI Module Installation Leaflet
- Arthur ROM Fitting Instructions

#### 3.1 Hard Disc Drive Interface

The following describes the Hard disc interface circuitry incorporated onto the Archimedes model 440 main PCB. It applies equally to the Hard disc Podule fitted as an upgrade to Archimedes 300 series units, with the exception of the IC component reference numbers and the Archimedes standard Podule ID circuitry which is fitted to the Podule version only.

##### CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

All functions of the Hard disc drive are controlled by the Hitachi HD63463 Hard disc Controller chip (IC22).

##### Host Connection

This device is connected to the system CPU by means of the 16 bit I/O bus. It is memory-mapped from address &032D0000 to &032D0028 (nb: these addresses are different for the Hard disc Podule, which are slot-dependant). The only unusual feature of this circuit is the use of an address line for the HD63463 read/write line. This is necessary to allow the host CPU to simulate DMA cycles, during which this line reverses its function.

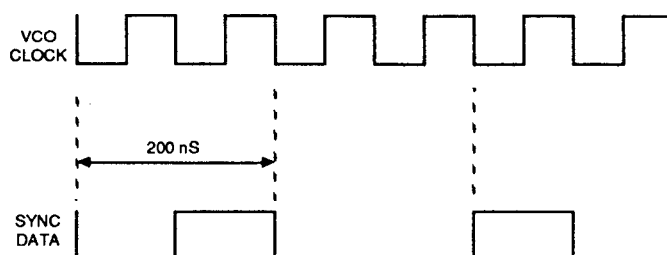
Reset is provided by the host system, as is the 8 MHz clock (CLK8) from which all host communication signal timing is derived.

##### ST506 Hard Disc Interface

The connection to the Hard disc drive is an implementation of the standard ST506 interface. Drive control signals are provided on a 34-way bus which may be daisy-chained for up to four Hard disc drive units, and data is transferred on a separate 20-way cable for each drive in the system.

Before any data transfer can take place between the Hard disc drive and the HD63463, the correct drive and correct read/write head in that drive must be selected. This is achieved by two drive select lines and three head select lines, all buffered by a 7406 (IC33). Having selected the drive, the HDC (Hard Disc Controller) will check the READY line before proceeding with the required function. A failure of this signal (or the SEEK COMPLETE signal, see below) may result in a polling action (ie repeated attempts to select) by the HDC. All control signals on the 34-way bus from a Hard disc unit will only be active when the drive is selected.

If a seek is required before selecting the read/write head then the direction signal DIR will be set high or low to indicate movement in or out and the requisite number of step pulses transmitted on the STEP



control line. The HDC must then wait for the SEEK COMPLETE (SC) signal to be returned from the drive unit. As previously mentioned, the HDC may go into a polling action while waiting for this signal.

All control signals to the drive are buffered by the 7406 (IC33) and all signals from the drive are buffered by a 74HCT14 (inverting Schmitt trigger), IC32. Demultiplexing and buffering of the direction (DIR), step and reduced write current (RE+WC) signals is achieved by a 7438 (IC34).

#### **Read Data Path**

Read data is received from the drive as a differential signal and applied to the differential receiver 26LS32 (IC39). From here it passes through a multiplexer (this circuit can control two Hard disc drives) and onto the data separator circuit.

#### **Data Separator**

The data from the Hard disc drive takes the form of a stream of pulses whose position with respect to a clock signal defines their meaning, binary 1 or 0. The nominal frequency of this clock is 10 MHz although it may have to vary slightly to compensate for variations in disc speed and/or disk wobble. Since this clock signal is not provided by the Hard disc drive it has to be generated by the interface circuitry. The Data-Separator contains a voltage controller oscillator (VCO), some filter components and an input for a crystal controlled 10 MHz clock. When the HDC is not trying to read data from the Hard disc drive, the VCO is locked onto the 10 MHz crystal clock.

To read data the HDC first asserts the read-gate signal (RGATE), this causes the data-separator DP8455 (IC50) to attempt to adjust the VCO frequency and phase until the VCO cycles are in quadrature with the data pulses when they are present.

When the data separator has detected valid preamble (a special pattern of 0s and 1s) it asserts lock-detect (LD) which enables the now synchronised data stream to the HDC. In turn, when the HDC sees a special data pattern called an address mark it asserts SYNC. This signal is linked back to the data separator and used to slow down the tracking action of the VCO during the actual read process.

#### **Write Data**

Write data timing is synchronised to the 10 MHz crystal oscillator. The data emerges from the bi-directional data pin RWDATA on the HDC and is fed to a delay line (IC42) which is a 50 nS 5-tap device. This gives three identical versions of the write data stream separated in time by 10 nS. These three signals are fed to a multiplexer 74HCT153 (IC41) which selects the appropriate version of the write data stream when manipulated by the write-precompensation control lines EARLY and LATE. Finally, the data is passed through a differential driver 26LS31 (IC40) before going on to the Hard disc drive itself.

#### **Format**

Data is stored in the form of sectors. There are 32 sectors on each track and 4 tracks in each cylinder.

A sector has an ID (identity) field and a DATA field. The ID field contains the sector's number and the DATA field contains the data stored in that sector.

Before data can be written to the data field of a sector, the correct sector must be located by repeated reading of ID fields on the track until the required sector is found.

### **3.2 MIDI Podule**

The MIDI Podule is a single Eurocard sized plug-in card for the Archimedes range of computers. The Podule offers users access to the wide range of synthesisers, keyboards and other instruments which use the MIDI standard for communication between system units.

The following circuit description of the MIDI Podule does not cover operating software or MIDI protocols. For operational details, see the Acorn MIDI User Guide.

The Podule connects to the Archimedes computer via the computer's internal backplane. Connection is via a DIN standard PCB mounted plug fitted with 64 contacts in a 96 way housing. Connector rows a and c are populated. Refer to the circuit diagram for pinout details.

#### **CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION**

On the PCB are eight ICs. The principle device is IC5, an SCC 2619 UART. The UART, under control of software running on the Archimedes computer, sends and receives MIDI serial data at the required 32.5 K Baud rate. Input serial data is optically isolated by IC6, a 6N138. Diode D1 protects against reverse

polarity of the normally unipolar signal. Resistor R6 sets the working current for the opto LED, in conjunction with the source impedance of the external MIDI driver.

IC7, an open drain collector TTL Hex inverter, is used for signal buffering and to drive the MIDI 'out' and 'through' sockets.

Buffered MIDI data feeds directly to the Receive data pin of the UART IC5 and, via a separate open collector gate IC7, to the 'through' output socket.

MIDI 'out' data is buffered (IC7) onto two output sockets SK3 and SK4, the data is the serial stream output from the UART IC5.

To conform to the Archimedes Podule specification, the MIDI Podule is equipped with a Byte wide EPROM IC2. IC2 contains the Podule ID and low level driver code (which is down-loaded into the main computer memory for execution). Optional large EPROMs are supported by a paging system, using IC3, a 273 octal latch. Links 1, 2 and 3 are preset (cuttable tracks) for a 27128 EPROM. See the table below for alternative options. Note that the PCB is tracked for a 32 pin EPROM but normally assembled with a 28 pin socket so a 27512 is the largest EPROM easily fitted.

Example type	Size	LK1	LK2	LK3
27128	16kByte	5 V	5 V	5 V
27256	32 kByte	5 V	5 V	PA3
27152	64 kByte	PA4	5 V	PA3
27C101	128 kByte	PA4	N.C.	PA3
—	256 kByte	PA4	PA6	PA3
—	512 kByte	PA4	PA6	PA3

The 74HCT32 (IC8) and 74HCT138 (IC4) decode the address space occupied by the EPROM, the page latch (IC3) and the UART (IC5). Finally, the 74HCT245 (IC1) buffers data to and from the backplane data lines BD0 through BD7.

The Archimedes computer hardware reset is used on the Podule to clear the page latch IC3 to a known state, ie zero, as well as resetting the UART. For full details of the effect of reset on the UART, refer to the Signetics SCC2619 data sheet.

The UART is clocked continuously at 2 MHz, internal programmable dividers derive the serial data (baud) rate from the 2 MHz clock.

Any access made to the Podule slot (notPS at logic zero) occupied by the MIDI Podule will enable the data bus buffer IC1, data direction being set by the logic level of the PR/notW line. The internal device access is then selected by IC4 decoding LA12 with LA13 high and notPS low, or by part of IC8 if LA13 is low.

LA13 low selects the EPROM for read access. Note that there is no protection from bus conflicts if an attempt to write to the EPROM occurs.

LA13 high selects the UART if LA12 is low, or the Page latch IC3 if LA12 is high, IC8 gates in notPWE to ensure the page latch is write only.

### 3.3 I/O Podule

For details of the I/O podule and the optional MIDI module, see the information supplied in the manual accompanying the Podule upgrade kit.

### 3.4 Econet Module

Econet systems can only be serviced properly by Econet service centres, who will have the necessary test equipment to check the system thoroughly. However, there are some simple checks which can be made without the test equipment. See the Econet board circuit diagram in the Appendix.

Check that the module is installed and fitted correctly. Check that the two connectors on the Econet module are correctly inserted. The longer connector has two spare pins on the left of the PCB socket. If the module is displaced and plugged into one or both of these pins, it will not work.

## 4. Fault-finding information

See the 300 Series Module Level Service Manual for :

Dealer Test Software test instructions (section 7.4)

Main PCB circuit diagram (pages 80/81)

Main PCB test point and layout diagrams (pages 76 and 77).

The purpose of this fault-finding information is to enable the engineer to trace faults to module level and, unless the module is non- serviceable, to component level. The modules are defined as the:

Main PCB,  
PSU\*  
Floppy disc drive(s)†  
Hard disc drive (where fitted)†  
Module(s), as fitted  
Module backplane  
Keyboard\*\*  
Mouse\*  
Monitor†

\* These are available as service-replacement only items and are non-serviceable.

\*\* These are part-serviceable but include service-replacement only items.

† These items are third party units, for which service information is available separately.

It is important to determine as closely as possible the nature and location of the fault in order to identify the faulty module.

Basic test equipment required:

100 MHz oscilloscope  
DC Voltmeter  
Continuity tester

In all instances, follow through the checks until the fault is located and identified, then change or repair the appropriate module. For information on module replacement procedures, etc., see the Acorn Service and Support Strategy document.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**WHEN REFITTING OR FITTING A REPLACEMENT ASSEMBLY, CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE FOR EARTH CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE EARTH PIN OF THE MAINS PLUG AND THE FOLLOWING:**

**THE BASE METALWORK**

**THE REAR PANELS (INCLUDING BLANKING PANELS)**

**THE TOP COVER**

**USE AN EARTH CONTINUITY TESTER SET TO 25 AMPS.**

### CAUTION

**REPAIRS TO MULTI-LAYER PCBs**

The main PCB is a four-layer board. Components should only be removed from the board using equipment specifically designed for this purpose. For details of suitable equipment available, contact Acorn Computers Ltd.

## 4.1 Basic checks

### 4.1.1 FIRST, CHECK THE OBVIOUS:

With both the monitor and the computer switched on, check for POWER ON indications (computer and monitor ON LEDs). If neither have power, check the main fuse in the wall plug.

If the computer is powered but not the monitor, check for power on the AC outlet socket at the rear of the computer main unit by plugging in a known good monitor. Should this also fail, replace the computer power supply.

If the monitor is powered but not the computer, an internal power supply fuse may have blown. Replace the PSU.

If both have power, check by substitution that the monitor and the interconnection cable are serviceable.

Check for the correct power supply output voltages on the main PCB:

PL5 = +12 V; PL6 = 0 V; PL7 = 5 V and PL8 = -5 V

If the power supply is emitting a clicking sound, this indicates either a short between two of its outputs or a faulty power supply.

Make sure all of the ROMs are inserted correctly and that the relevant links (LK2, LK6 and LK12) are correct for the type of ROMs used. The options and settings of these links are detailed in section 5, "Connectors, interfaces, links and test points", in the Module Level Service Manual.

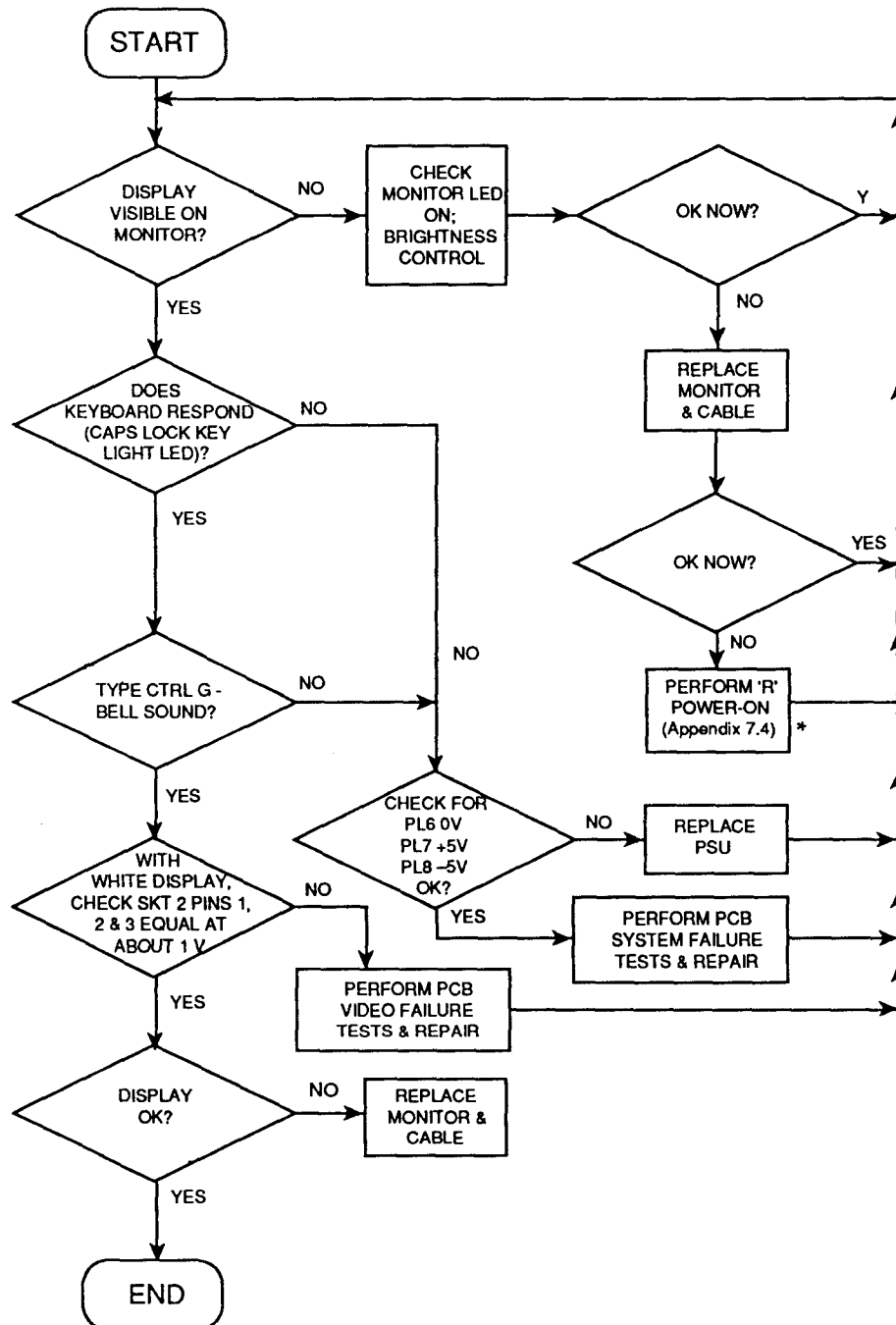
The keyboard CAPS LOCK light should toggle on and off when pressed and assuming a disc is present, the disc drive light will glow after a \*CAT command. If so, this indicates that the system is alive and that the failure is confined to the video circuitry. See section 4.3.1.

If there is no response, substitute a known good keyboard and repeat the check. If there is still no response, there is a system failure - see section 4.3.2. If the substitute keyboard restores normal working, change the original keyboard PCB.

## 4.1.2 FLOW CHARTS

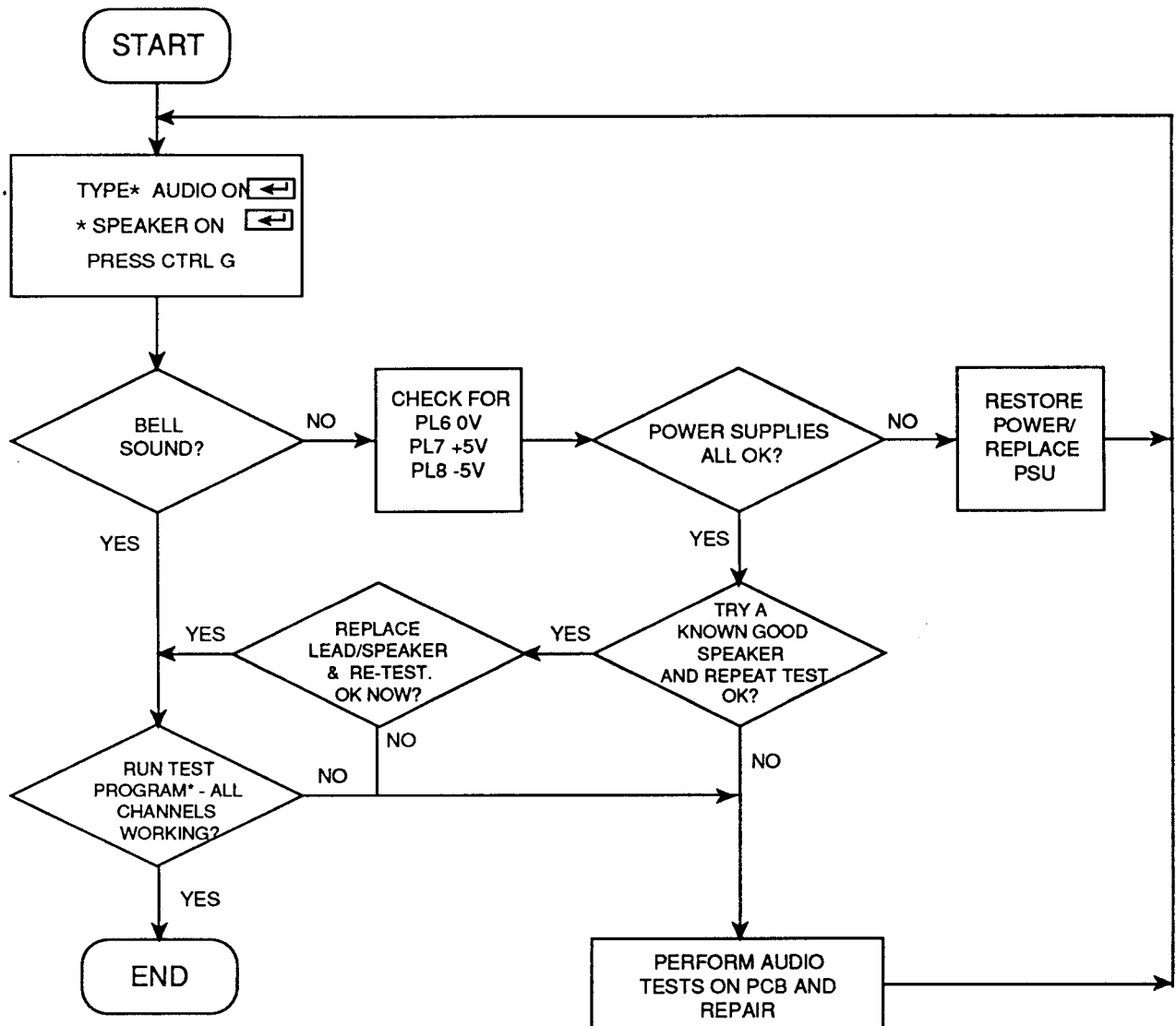
The following flow charts will be useful aids to basic checks:

## NO DISPLAY



\* See Appendix 7.4 in the Module Level Service Manual

## NO SOUND



### \*TEST PROGRAM:

```

10 REM > Check all channels
20 VOICES 8
30 FOR channel=1 TO 8
40 OSCLI("Channelvoice "+STR$(channel)+" "+STR$(2))
50 NEXT
60 FOR channel = 1 to 8
70 SOUND channel, -15, 100,24
80 PRINTchannel
90 k=GET
100 NEXT
  
```

RUN PROGRAM.  
PRESS A KEY AND REPEAT 8 TIMES.  
PRINTS CHANNEL NUMBER ON SCREEN AND  
PLAYS VOICE 2 FOR EACH CHANNEL.

## 4.2 Run main PCB Functional Test

### Action resulting from test failure

The following notes refer to the test procedures on the PCB functional test disc, and the action that should be taken as the result of a test failure.

<b>Type/Model:</b>	Memory area fault - Perform memory tests, section 4.9, and repair as necessary.
<b>Memory:</b>	Repair as above.
<b>Battery-backed RAM:</b>	Perform "NVM and RTC" tests, section 4.4.6, and repair as necessary.
<b>Loudspeaker:</b>	If no sound, check speaker connections. Substitute a known good speaker and re-test. If OK, replace speaker. If test still fails, perform "AUDIO" tests, section 4.4.5, and repair as necessary.
<b>Headphones:</b>	If no sound or poor/faulty sound on known good headphones, perform AUDIO tests and repair as necessary. See also Production and Field Changes, Appendix section 5.2.
<b>Monitor Screen:</b>	If display rolls or is unstable, perform 'R' reset until correct default value obtained. If no improvement, perform "Unstable or Scrolling Display" tests, section 4.3.3, and repair as necessary.  If the display breaks up around its edges and spurious characters appear suspect the system oscillator. See "Corrupted Display", section 4.3.4.  Colours incorrect or missing - With a full white screen, VIDC IC 17 pins 39, 40 and 41 should all have the same signal on them. If not, change the VIDC IC17.
<b>Floppy Disc:</b>	See "Floppy disc drive", section 4.4.2.
<b>Serial port:</b>	If test fails, see "Serial Port, section 4.4.4". If a fault is reported but the test is passed, see the Serial Port Application Note in the Appendix for possible explanations.
<b>Printer:</b>	See "Printer", section 4.4.3.

## 4.3. Main PCB faults

### 4.3.1 VIDEO FAILURE

Check for +5 V on both ends of L1, if open circuit then check C14 for short circuit. Also check for 3.5 Volts (approx.) on IC 17 pin 43. Should this not be present then check R67.

Check for a 24 MHz clock on IC 17 pin 19. If missing then check continuity to and through P13a and its shunt.

Check for video data on IC 17 pins 39, 40 and 41. If not present, check power supply to IC 17 before finally changing IC 17.

Check for short circuits on signals VIDRQ and VIDAk.

Check connection of all data lines to VIDC.

### 6.3.2 SYSTEM FAILURE

In order to eliminate the major devices first, change in turn the ARM IC 43, MEMC IC 45, IOC21 and VIDC IC17. If the system still appears to be dead, proceed as follows:

Check for main system clock of 24 MHz on LK1 position c or d. If absent, check again on IC 15 pins 2 or 3 and change IC15 if required. Finally, change the crystal XL2.

Check for clocks on IC45 pin 67 and IC17 pin 19.

Check that the signal RST driving IC 45 pin 44 and IC 43 pin 9 is not stuck high.



Check for the presence and validity of the processor addresses and PHI 1 clock. This can be done by examining the signals on IC 36 pins 12 to 19, IC 35 pins 12 to 19 and IC 28 pins 16 to 19, whilst holding down the RESET button on the keyboard. In this situation the processor continuously increments its address bus. Should any of the signals not toggle, suspect either a short or open circuit on that line. Should none of the signals toggle, check for the PHI 1 clock on the appropriate IC and at its source on Q15 emitter and IC 45 pin 66. Also check to see that addresses are being presented to the inputs of the above devices. Change ICs 36, 35 or 28 as appropriate, or if no addresses are present, change the ARM IC 43.

The data bus can be inspected by probing on resistors R141 to 172. By their nature, it is difficult to interpret the signals seen, so just check for the ability of the signals to move between logic states. None of these lines should be stuck permanently high, low or in a midrail state. Any of these resistors may be removed in order to isolate the DRAM bank from the CPU, thus easing the tracing of shorts, etc. Also check for short or open circuits on the BDATA bus, IC 11 pins 12 to 19 and IC 19 pins 12 to 19.

Check for shorts on DRAM address bus, either on the DRAMS themselves or on IC 45 pins 28 to 36.

Check for Data and Address signals on all four of the ROMs. This is especially important if an ARTHUR ROM upgrade has been carried out, as misuse of a screwdriver during ROM removal may have damaged or broken PCB tracks.

Check for all address lines on MC, again with RESET held down.

Check the processor interrupt lines FIQ and IRG pins 8 and 7 on ARM IC 43. Neither of these should be stuck low. IRQ can be expected to pulse low, FIQ should be high. These interrupts should also be checked at their source on IOC IC 21 pins 50 and 51. Should these also be low, the interrupt source can be traced by examining all interrupt inputs to IOC IC 21 on pins 30 to 42 (note that pins 30, 31 and 42 are active high logic).

Check for short or open circuits on the latched IO data bus, IC11 pins 12 to 19 and IC19 pins 12 to 19. This may well cause a false interrupt condition to occur.

Check corner pins of IOC IC21 for short circuits.

Check for a RAS signal on pin 5 of all the DRAMS.

#### 4.3.3 UNSTABLE OR SCROLLING DISPLAY

The computer may have lost its configuration value for SYNC. Type at the keyboard:

\*CON. SYNC 1 (RETURN)

press reset RESET and see if any change occurs. Investigate configuration failure as detailed in section 4.4.6.

Check for CSYNC signal on SK2 pin 4. If not present, trace back through LK10, R7 and IC4, finally changing VIDC IC17.

#### 4.3.4 CORRUPTED DISPLAY

If the display breaks up around its edges and spurious characters appear then investigate the system oscillator. Replace XL2.

Check DRAM using the main memory test routines, section 4.9.

#### 4.3.5.COLOURS INCORRECT OR MISSING

With a full white screen, VIDC IC17 pins 39, 40 and 41 should all have the same signal on them. If not, change the VIDC IC17.

Trace each signal through the periphery circuitry and out to SK2 until the fault is found.

Check that IC4 pin 2 is responding to its input on pin 1 (pulls low only).

Make sure that the configuration items "BAUD" and "DATA" are set to sensible values. Check for -5 V on IC7 pin 8 and R12 to R15. Check for the clock on IC9 pins 6 and 7, change XL1 if faulty. Change ICs 7 and 6.

## 4.4 Peripheral area faults

### 4.4.1 KEYBOARD AND MOUSE

Make sure that the configuration items "DELAY" and "REPEAT" are set to sensible values - see the Archimedes Welcome Guide.

Check computer interface by swapping to a known good keyboard and mouse. If failure still present, check continuity of keyboard connector SK 12 and ensure that +5 V can be found on pin 4 and 0 v on pin 3.

Check functionality of inverting buffers in IC 20, check continuity through R 176 and R 180. Replace IOC IC 21.

### 4.4.2 FLOPPY DISC DRIVE

Make sure that the configuration items "STEP" and "FLOPPIES" are correctly set. Check that the disc drive ID selection switch is in the required position (usually 0). Swap the disc drive for a known good drive and cable. If this also fails, check the power supply connection for +12 V, +5 V and 0 V (see section 5 in the Module Level Service Manual).

### 4.4.3 PRINTER

Make sure that the configuration items for "IGNORE" and "PRINT" are set to sensible values. Swap the printer for a known good printer and cable.

If the printer fails completely, check for a STROBE signal on SK 3 pin 1, trace back through R 33, Q 5 and R 51 to IC 30. Also check for shorts or open circuits on PACK and PBSY.

If the data printed is incorrect, check the continuity of the data lines into and out of IC 3, though R 25 to R 32 and onto SK 3.

If both the printer and the floppy disc drive fail, change IC 30.

### 4.4.4 SERIAL PORT

Make sure that the configuration items "BAUD" and "DATA" are set to sensible values. Check for -5 V on IC 7 pin 8 and R 12 to R 15. Check for the clock on IC 9 pins 6 and 7; change XL 1 if faulty. If OK, change ICs 6 and 7.

### 4.4.5 AUDIO

Test the audio with both headphones and internal speaker. Do not forget to issue \*SPEAKER ON and \*VOLUME 127 commands.

If only the speaker fails, check connections to the main PCB via PL9 and check IC68 pin 5 for a signal of 3 V amplitude. If no signal is present on pin 5 but can be found on pin 3, change IC68. Check continuity through R173 and check that IC4 pin 10 is not stuck low.

If there is no audio at all, first check for +5 V on both ends of L3. If this is open circuit, check the condition of C36 before replacement. Check for -5 V on IC13 pin 11 and R40 and R42. Check for about 3 V on VIDC IC17 pin 12.

A low amplitude signal should be found on VIDC IC17 pins 13, 14, 15 and 16. If not, change VIDC. These signals can be traced through the peripheral circuitry and out to Q9 and Q11. The signal amplitude at these points should be about 1.5 V pk-to-pk.

Check for short or open circuit on signals "SNDACK" and "SNDREQ" on VIDC IC17 pins 9 and 24.

See also Appendix section 5.2, "Production and Field changes".

### 4.4.6 CONFIGURATION, NON-VOLATILE MEMORY & REAL TIME CLOCK

If the NVM suffers data retention problems and the RTC fails, then, with the computer power off, check for about 2.8 V on IC16 pin 8. If this voltage is not present, inspect PL11, D3 and the charge state of the batteries (>1.4 V per cell).

If the NVM IC16 consistently fails on the same data bits, change the device.

If the clock fails to run or runs inaccurately, check and if necessary replace XL3. TP1 allows access to the clock signal.

## 4.5 Hard Disc

Carry out the hard disc and Podule interface tests.

### IMPORTANT

**THE HARD DISC AND PODULE INTERFACE TESTS WILL DESTROY ANY DATA ALREADY STORED ON THE DISC.**

Check that the configuration settings are correct.

If drive is faulty, replace it using the Hard Disc Upgrade instructions as a guide.

Replace a Podule using the Podule installation leaflet as a guide.

## 4.6 Podules

Run basic checks first - see section 4.1.

Run the relevant Podule test; if it fails, substitute a known good Podule. If the test still fails, check through "System failure", section 4.3.2, tracing all signals through to Podule backplane. If necessary, replace the Podule backplane.

## 4.7 Keyboard

Make sure that the configuration items 'DELAY' and 'REPEAT' are set to sensible values - eg DELAY 32, REPEAT 4.

Perform the basic checks first - see section 4.1. Run the keyboard functional test.

If the keyboard is replaced, re-run the keyboard functional test.

## 4.8 Audio

Run the main PCB Functional test - see section 4.2. for details.

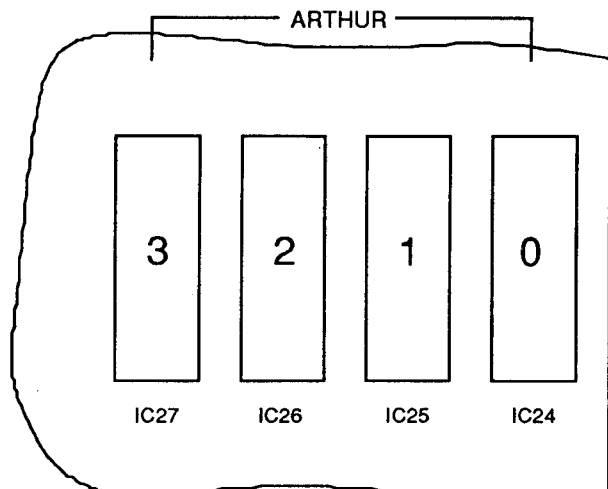
## 4.9 Test ROMs

The Archimedes series Test ROMs are designed to assist in the repair of all Archimedes systems where 'Failure to Initialise' faults are present - ie the machine appears to be 'dead' on power-up.

The ROMs contain software which can be catagorised in two sections:

1. Main memory test routines.
2. Test routines for use under repetitive reset.

To install the test ROMs, carefully remove the ARTHUR ROM set, ICs 24, 25, 26 and 27 and replace them with the test ROMs, 0, 1, 2 and 3 respectively - see diagram below.



**Fitting the test ROMs in place of the ARTHUR ROMs**

Use the bare minimum of hardware to run the system - remove/disconnect all peripherals not needed for the tests.

#### 4.9.1 MAIN MEMORY TEST

Providing that the ARM, memory controller and video controller are functioning, the test ROMs will auto-boot into the menu-driven display below. At any point in the operation of the test ROMs, pressing the RESET key or re-powering the machine will re-start the program and re-display the menu.

```

01234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123
A1      DIAGNOSTIC TEST ROMS      MEMORY SIZE =&0XX00000 BYTES

      1.  CYCLIC MEMORY TEST WITH PRINTOUT
      2.  CYCLIC MEMORY TEST

SELECT :
```

The memory test checks memory according to memory size selected.

It is possible that faulty memory may lie in the region designated as 'screen memory'. If this occurs, the video display may become unreadable. For this reason, the sequence 0123456789 is repeated across the top line of the display. Every 4 digits represents a 32 bit word. Watch for missing or corrupted display.

As the start of the screen memory is known to be at physical address &2000000, it should be possible to determine the exact device that is faulty by examining the corruption pattern on the display.

The default 'memory size' is &100000 bytes (1 Mbyte), however this may be cycled through 0.5, 1, 2 and 4 Mbyte memory sizes by pressing the 'M' key.

When using the ROMs on a machine having memory content other than 1 Mbyte, the video display may at first appear out of line or incorrect. In this instance press the 'M' key repeatedly until the required memory size has been selected.

The memory test is cyclic and on completion of each full memory test a full stop ('.') will be displayed. The 0.5 Mbyte test takes between 3 and 4 seconds to complete whilst the 4 Mbyte test takes about 29 seconds.

If for some reason the video display is completely blank or unreadable (eg because of a video fault), a printed output may be obtained by selecting option 1, the output being produced at the printer port as well as on the VDU.

If an error is found in the memory, the display will show:

```
AT ADDRESS &nnnnnnnn WROTE &pppppppp READ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
```

where 'nnnn' is the faulty address, 'pppp' is the data written to that address and 'xxxxxxx' is the data read back from that address in binary form.

The memory tests do not terminate unless an error is found, in which case after reporting 8 or 9 errors, the test will terminate.

An additional check is now made on the state of CMOS RAM control lines C0 and C1. If either of these lines are short-circuit to 0 Volts, the Test ROMs will indicate this on power-up.

Physical Address	IC Numbers
&2000000 - &200003F	)
&2000080 - &20000BF	)
&2000100 - &200013F	) 70, 72, 74, 76)
&2000180 - &200001BF	) 79, 81, 83, 85)
etc. up to..	)
&207FF80 - &207FFBF	)
&2000040 - &200007F	)
&20000C0 - &20000FF	) 69, 71, 73, 75)
etc. up to..	) 78, 80, 82, 84)
&207FFC0 - &207FFFF	)
&2080000 - &208003F	)
&2080080 - &20800BF	) 52, 54, 56, 58)
etc. up to..	) 61, 63, 65, 67)
&20FFF80 - &20FFFBF	)
&2080040 - &208007F	)
&20800C0 - &20800FF	) 51, 53, 55, 57)
etc. up to..	) 60, 62, 64, 66)
&20FFFC0 - &20FFFFF	)

#### Memory map for A305/A310

#### 4.9.2 REPETITIVE RESET TEST

This section of test code is intended for use when the main memory test menu fails to initialise.

To make use of this section of the ROMs the following test equipment is required:

Oscilloscope

Signal or pulse generator

The purpose of the code is to produce certain signals around specific areas of the PCB. These signals may then be monitored using the oscilloscope to assess the operation of that area of the circuit.

The code is written in a loop which should execute three times before proceeding to the main memory test. For this reason the machine must be reset repeatedly.

A suitable square wave or, preferably, a negative-going pulse generator output at 10 kHz should be connected to the reset line via a component connected to IOC IC21 pin 29.

After setting the border colour to white, the signals should be observable in the following order:

```

SVPMD low
SVPMD low
SVPMD low
IOC CS & S1 hi
IOC CS & S2 hi
IOC CS & S3 hi
IOC CS & S4 hi
IOC CS & S5 hi
IOC CS & S6 hi
    
```

```

IOC CS & S7 i
nB/W low
nB/W low
nB/W low
IOC CS & C0 hi
IOC CS & C1 hi
IOC CS & C2 hi
IOC CS & C3 hi
IOC CS & C4 hi
IOC CS & C5 hi
IOC CS hi

```

Return to start for three executions.

After execution of this code, the border colour is reset to black. The assembler listing for this section of the code is given below:

```

Start1  LDRT    r0, [r5]                ;SVPMD pin low      )
        LDRT    r0, [r5]                ;                      ) continual toggle of:-
        LDRT    r0, [r5]                ;                      )

        LDR     r1, iocmof              ;re-load ioc base addr. -offset
        LDR     r0, [r1,r6]!            ;SVPMD pin high
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S1 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S2 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S3 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S4 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S5 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S6 ioc hi
        LDR     r0, [r1, r6]!           ;IOC CS pin high      ;S7 ioc hi

        LDRB    r0, [r5]                ;nB/W pin high      )
        LDRB    r0, [r5]                ;nB/W pin high      )
        LDRB    r0, [r5]                ;nB/W pin high      )
        MOV     r1, #&FE0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C0          )
        MOV     r1, #&FD0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C1          )
        MOV     r1, #&FB0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C2          )
        MOV     r1, #&F70000            ;                      ) I.O.C.
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C3          )
        MOV     r1, #&EF0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C4          )
        MOV     r1, #&DF0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; set C5          )
        MOV     r1, #&FF0000            ;
        STR     r1, [r7]                ; reset all

        LDR     r1, &55555555           ; write to printer port
        STR     r1,[r8]                 ;

        SUBS    r9, r9, #1
        BNE     start1

        B       main

```

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## 5.1 Parts Lists

Items identified by a \* are normally available as spare parts. For details of service and spares policy, see the Acorn Service and Support Strategy document.

Items denoted \*† are available only in sets - see 'Component Sets' at the end of the parts lists.

### Archimedes 300 Series Packaging Assembly

4	0176,003 *	Mouse	1
9	0276,019 *	Carton	1
10	0277,020 *	Welcome Disc	1
11	0276,029 *†	Packaging, Top	1
12	0276,030*†	Packaging, Bottom	1
14	0476,000 *	Welcome Guide	1
15	0476,002 *	User Guide	1
16	0476,003 *	BASIC/Sprite Editor Keycard	1
19	0870,353 *	Power Lead, 2M Long, c/w 13A Plug	1

### Archimedes 300 Series Final Assembly

Item	Part No.	Description	Qty	Remarks
1	0176,006 *	Speaker and LED Assy.	1	
2	0176/008/A	Case Lower Assy.	1	
4	0276,002 *†	Front Moulding	1	
5	0276,003 *†	Front Sub-Moulding	1	
6	0276,006 *†	Case Metalwork, Upper	1	
7	0276,015 *†	Front Label, 305	1	
	0276,315 *†	Front Label, 310	1	
8	0276,017 *†	Base Label	1	
11	0817,005 *	Battery, Alkaline 1V5 2AH 'AA'	2	
13	0882,655	Screw No. 6 x 1/2" Pan Hd. Pozi AB	2	Item 4 to 2
14	0882,121	Screw M3 x 6 Pan Hd Pozi	5	Item 6 to 2
15	0882,654	Screw No. 6 x 3/8" Pan Hd Pozi AB	5	Item 4 to 2/5
16	0882,949 *	Spire Clip No. 6	5	For item 4

### Archimedes 300 Series Case Lower Assembly

1	0376,340	PCB Assembly (305)	1	Ex ROMS
2	0176,002 *	55W 240V PSU	1	
3	0176,004 *	3.5" 1 MB Floppy Disc Drive	1	
4	0176,005 *	Single Drive Cable Assy	1	
5	0176,009 *	Battery Holder Assy	1	
8	0276,004 *†	Rear Moulding	1	
10	0999,462 *†	Case Metalwork, Lower	1	
11	0276,010 *	L.H. Busbar	1	
12	0276,011 *	R.H. Busbar	1	
13	0276,012 *	Blanking Panel	2	
14	0276,013 *†	Drive Saddle	1	
15	0276,014 *	Drive Bracket	1	
16	0276,037 *	PCB Side Slide Guide	2	See page 46
37	0884,065 *	Spacer, Nylon 8mm PCB	1	See page 46
	0884,063 *	PCB Support Pillar		See page 46
40	0890,009 *	Foot Pop-Fit 4mm High	4	



**Archimedes 300 Series Keyboard Assembly**

1	0276,101††	Keyboard Case Upper	1	
2	0276,102 *†	Keyboard Case Lower	1	
3	0276,106 *†	Name Case Label	1	
4	0276,107 *†	Logo Case Label	1	
5	0176,100 *	Keyboard PCB Assy.	1	C/W Curly Cable
6	0276,103 *	Leg Moulding	1	
7	0276,104 *	Window Moulding	1	
8	0276,105 *	Friction Pad	1	For item 7
9	0276,108 *	Reset Switch Cap Moulding	1	
10	0890,011 *	Rubber Foot	4	
11	0999,438 *	Curly Cable	1	For Keytronics board only

**Archimedes 300 Series Main PCB Assembly**

Item	Part No.	Description	Qty	Remarks
7	0277,022 *	1M Arthur ROM 1 V1.2	1	IC24
8	0277,023 *	1M Arthur ROM 2 V1.2	1	IC25
9	0277,024 *	1M Arthur ROM 3 V 1.2	1	IC26
10	0277,025 *	1M Arthur ROM 4 V 1.2	1	IC27
11				
12	0276,032 *	Programmed PAL 16L8A	1	IC44
13				
14				
15	2201,365 *	IC ARM 2µm PLSTC	1	IC43
16	2201,366 *	IC MEMC PLSTC	1	IC45
17	2201,367 *	IC VIDC 1A PLSTC	1	IC17
18	2201,368 *	IC IOC PLSTC	1	IC21
19				
20				
21				
22	0502,100	RES 10R C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R175
23	0502,101	RES 100R C/MF 5% 0W25	2	R176,177
24	0502,102	RES 1K C/MF 5% 0W25	3	R51,65,66
25	0502,103	RES 10K C/MF 5% 0W25	11	R2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 61, 67, 178, 179
26				
27	0502,104	RES 100K C/MF 5% 0W25	2	R73,88
28				
29	0502,122	RES 1K2 C/MF 5% 0W25	5	R89, 114, 120, 122, 138
30				
31	0502,181	RES 180R C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R35
32				
33	0502,220	RES 22R C/MF 5% 0W25	9	R25-33
34	0502,221	RES 220R C/MF 5% 0W25	6	R1, 3, 9, 18, 180, L2
35				
36	0502,272	RES 2K7 C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R49
37				
38	0502,330	RES 33R C/MF 5% 0W25	2	R181,182
39	0502,331	RES 330R C/MF 5% 0W25	3	R60, 123, 129

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Item	Part No.	Description	Qty	Remarks
40	0502,333	RES 33K C/MF 5% 0W25	7	R53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 107
41	0502,471	RES 470R C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R52
42	0502,472	RES 4K7 C/MF 5% 0W25	24	R19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 34, 36, 38, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 126, 136, 137, 173
43				
44				
45				
46				
47	0502,680	RES 68R C/MF 5% 0W25	59	R4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 64, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 87, 97, 98, 99, 100, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 183
56	0502,681	RES 680R C/MF 5% 0W25	2	R43, 44
57	0502,820	RES 82R C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R45
58	0502,821	RES 820R C/MF 5% 0W25	1	R174
59	0506,161	RES 43R2 MF 1% 0W25 E96	3	R20, 41, 59
60	0506,250	RES 332R MF 1% 0W25 E96	3	R37, 50, 63
61	0506,300	RES 1K00 MF 1% 0W25 E96	4	R103, 104, 105, 106
62	0506,517	RES 150K MF 1% 0W25 E96	8	R79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86
64	0508,101	RES 100R MF 10% 0W50	2	R40, 42
65				
66	0590,102	RES NET 1K0 TF10% 9P	1	RP1
67				
68				
69	0610,005	CPCTR TANT 4μ7 10V 20%	19	C40, 'B' X 18
70	0610,010	CPCTR TANT 10μ 10V 20%	5	C14, 20, 35, 36, 52
71	0611,101	CPCTR TANT 100μ 16V 20%	3	C37, 38, 39
72				
73	0629,010	CPCTR CPLT 10n 30V 80%	1	C51
74				
75	0630,100	CPCTR CPLT 1n 30V 10%	2	C1, 2
76	0630,220	CPCTR CPLT 2n2 30V 10%	8	C5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
77	0630,270	CPCTR CPLT 2n7 30V 10%	2	C17,24
78				
79	0631,010	CPCTR CPLT 10p 30V 2%	1	C26
80	0631,012	CPCTR CPLT 12p 30V 2%	1	C21
81	0631,033	CPCTR CPLT 33p 30V 2%	2	C19,33
82	0631,047	CPCTR CPLT 47p 30V 2%	3	C15, 16, 18
83	0631,100	CPCTR CPLT 100p 30V 2%	5	C3, 4, 13, 25, 27
84	0631,330	CPCTR CPLT 330p 30V 2%	4	C28, 29, 31, 32
85				
86	0635,221	CPCTR ALEC 220μ 16V RAD	1	C50

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Item	Part No.	Description	Qty	Remarks
87				
88	0640,473	CPCTR CER 47n 30V 80%	1	C49
89	0650,223	CPCTR MPSTR 22n 50V 20%	2	C22, 23
90				
91	0680,002	CPCTR DCPLR 33/47n 0.2"	18	'Z'
92	0680,100	CPCTR DCPLR 33/47n AX 12V	39	'A'
96	0701,772 *	IC 1772 FDC 28/0.6"	1	IC47
98	0704,105 *	IC 4464 DRAM 120nS 64Kx4	16	IC69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85
101	0706,552 *	IC 65C51	1	IC9
102	0708,583 *	IC PCF8583	1	IC16
103				
104	0732,630 *	IC 26LS30 RS422/423 DRVE	1	IC7
105	0732,632 *	IC 26LS32	1	IC6
106				
107	0742,005 *	IC 74LS05 TTL 14/0.3"	2	IC4, 38
108	0742,374 *	IC 74LS374 TTL 20/0.3"	1	IC3
109				
110	0744,138 *	IC 74ALS138 TTL 16/0.3"	1	IC59
111				
112	0747,000 *	IC 74HC00 CMOS 14/0.3"	1	IC46
113	0747,004 *	IC 74HC04 CMOS 14/0.3"	1	IC15
114	0747,014 *	IC 74HC14 CMOS 14/0.3"	1	IC20
115	0747,075 *	IC 74HC75 CMOS	1	IC77
116	0747,138 *	IC 74HC138 CMOS 16/0.3"	1	IC31
117	0747,573 *	IC 74HC573 CMOS 20/0.3"	5	IC11, 19, 28, 35, 36
118	0747,574 *	IC 74HC574 CMOS	2	IC29,30
119				
120	0749,573 *	IC 74HCT573 CMOS 20/0.3"	2	IC10,18
121				
122	0770,324 *	IC LM <sup>324</sup> <del>323</del> QUAD OP AMP	1	IC13
123	0770,386 *	IC LM386 AUDIO AMP	1	IC68
126	0780,239 *	TRANS BC239 NPN	2	Q2, 5
127	0780,510 *	TRANS ZTX510 PNP TO92	1	Q15
128	0783,906 *	TRANS 2N3906 PNP	9	Q1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13
129	0783,904 *	TRANS 2N3904 NPN TO92 CBE	2	Q9, 11
130	0794,001 *	DIODE SI 1N4001 50V 1A	2	D2, 3
131	0794,148 *	DIODE SI 1N4148	2	D1, 4
135	0800,004 *	CONR 5W SKT DIN RA PCB	1	SK4 (ECONET)
136				
137	0800,050 *	CONR 2W WAFR 0.1" ST PCB	2	PL3A
138	0800,051 *	CONR 3W WAFR 0.1" ST PCB	2	LK2, 6 (NF)
139	0800,052 *	CONR 5W WAFR 0.1" ST PCB	2	PL2
140	0800,070 *	CONR 2W SHUNT 0.1"	4	PL3A, LK2, 6

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Item	Part No.	Description	Qty	Remarks
141				
142	0800,118 *	SKT IC 18/0.3" NORM	16	IC51-58 & 60-67
143	0800,120 *	SKT IC 20/0.3" NORM	1	IC44
144	0800,131 *	SKT IC 32/0.6" NORM	4	IC24, 25, 26, 27
145	0800,169 *	SKT IC 68P PLCC	3	IC17, 21, 45
146	0800,185 *	SKT IC 84P PLCC	1	IC43
147				
148	0800,203 *	FSTN TAB 6.3MM X 0.8 ST PCB	4	PL5, 6, 7, 8 (POWER)
153	0800,400 *	CONR 64W SKT ST AC PCB SH	1	SK7 (EXPANSION)]
154	0800,458 *	CONR 2W WAFR 0.1" ST LK	1	PL11 (BATTERY)
155	0800,459 *	CONR WAFR 0.1" ST LK	1	PL9 (FRONT PANEL)
156	0800,481 *	CONR 5W HSNG 0.1" PCB	1	SK6 (NET MODULE)
157	0800,484 *	CONR 17W SKT HSNG 0.1" PCB	1	SK5 (NET MODULE)
158	0800,611 *	CONR PHONO SKT RA PCB	1	SK13
159	0800,642 *	CONR 3W 3,5MM RA PCB JSKT	1	SK1 (AUDIO)
160	0800,853 *	CONR 2W WAFR 0.156" ST LK	1	PL12 (FAN)
161	0800,919 *	SKT 6W MINDIN RA PCB RFI	1	SK12 (KEYBOARD)
163	0803,102 *	CONR 34W BOX IDC LP ST	1	SK11 (DISC DATA)
168	0820,019 *	XTAL 1.8432MHz HC18/U	1	XL1
169	0820,240 *	XTAL 24.00 MHz HC18/U	1	XL2
170	0821,327 *	XTAL 32.768 kHz CC 0.05"	1	XL3
172	0860,005 *	COIL RF 33μH AX Q=45	2	L1, 3
186	0800,291	CONRD 9W PLG RA PCBLK+LK	1	PL1 (SERIAL)
	0800,271*	CONRD 9W PLG RA PCB+RFI+L		OPTION
190	0800,292	CONRD 9W SKT RA PCBLK+LK	1	SK2 (VIDEO)
	0800,272*	CONRD 9W SKT RA PCB+RFI+L		OPTION
194	0800,293	CONRD 25W SKT RA PCBLK+LK	1	SK3 (PRINTER)
	0800,273*	CONRD 25W SKT RA PCB+RFIL		OPTION
	0884,044	Rivet, Pop, 3,2D	2	For OPTION items 186, 190, 194

**COMPONENT SETS**

The following items are available only as sets:

<b>300 SERIES MAIN UNIT</b>		<b>310 Label Set, comprising:</b>	
Case Metalwork, comprising:		0276,315	310 Case Front Label
0276,006	Case Metalwork Upper	0276,017	310 Case Base Label
0999,462	Case Metalwork, Lower	<b>Packaging Set, comprising:</b>	
0276,013	Drive Saddle	0276,029	Poly Case Lower
0176,009	Battery Holder Assy.	0276,030	Poly Case Upper
Case Moulding Set, comprising:		<b>300 SERIES KEYBOARD</b>	
0276,002	Front Moulding	<b>Keyboard Case, comprising:</b>	
0276,003	Front Sub-Moulding	0276,101	Keyboard Case, Upper
0276,004	Rear Moulding	0276,102	Keyboard Case, Lower
305 Label Set, comprising:		<b>Keyboard Label Set, comprising:</b>	
0276,015	305 Case Front Label	0276,106	Name Case Label
0276,017	305 Case Base Label	0276,107	Logo Case Label

## 5.2 Production and Field Changes

The following information gives changes and deviations made to the Archimedes 300 series during production and is the latest available when this manual was compiled. It will be updated accordingly as information becomes available.

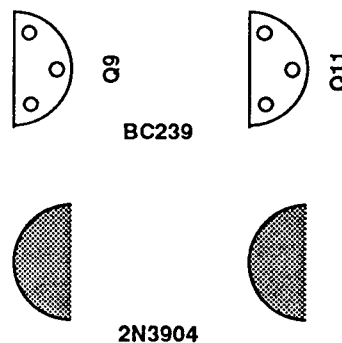
### Main PCB

#### MONO VIDEO OUTPUT

Some issue 2 boards may have a mono video output fault. If other checks do not reveal the cause, check for the presence of insulation tape beneath the RGB video connector SK2 mounting bracket. If no tape is fitted, suspect a short circuit on the mono video track; check for a short circuit to earth (NOT 0v) and, if found, drill out the rivet securing the bracket and place insulation tape underneath the bracket leg to insulate the track.

#### SOUND OUTPUT FAILURE

Insertion of the jack plug into the audio output socket SKT1 causes a temporary short of both audio output devices Q9 and Q11 to 0V. If the audio output is not working, check for BC239s fitted at Q9 and Q11. If so, replace them with 2N3904s, Acorn Part Number 0783,904. Note that the 2N3904s have a different pinout to BC239s and have to be fitted in a reversed position - see diagram below. Later boards are fitted with 2N3904s. As these will tolerate the momentary short, they are unlikely to be the cause of audio output failure.



VIEW OF ALTERNATIVE TYPES Q9, Q11 AS SEEN FROM ABOVE.

#### SERIAL PORT

On issue 1 boards only, two wire links are fitted around ICs 7 and 15, as follows:

IC7 pin 3 and IC15 pin 10 are not inserted into their IC sockets and are connected by a wire link across the top side of the PCB.

The second wire link is fitted between IC7 pins 1 and 4 on the underside of the PCB.

#### EXCESSIVE BACKGROUND NOISE ON SPEAKER (Acorn FCO E008 refers)

Later boards have a modification to reduce hum from the internal loudspeaker caused by acoustic pick-up.

The modification comprises a 10 V or higher 10  $\mu$ F capacitor fitted between pins 7 (+ve) and 4 (-ve) of IC68. The capacitor should be fitted as close as possible to the IC and should be secured to the PCB using glue or hot wax. RS part number 104-449 or 103-957 are suitable capacitors.

Machines in the original serial number range 27-AKB10-1000001 to 27-AKB10-1001277 and 27-AKB15-1000001 to 27-AKB15-1001752 were not fitted with this modification in production. However, machines outside this range may, on subsequent repair, have been fitted with circuit boards which are not modified.

Note that the noise on earlier computers when BREAK or ESCAPE is pressed is due to a software problem with earlier versions of Arthur, and will be cured when Arthur 1.20 is fitted.

**RGB OUTPUT VOLTAGE LEVELS (ACORN FCO E009 REFERS)**

The RGB output voltage levels have been raised in production to improve compatibility with certain types of multi-sync monitors. In addition, sync on green is no longer provided. Where problems are experienced with RGB levels being too low for a given monitor, change the values of 0.25W 1% resistors R20, R41 and R59 to 43.2Ω and remove R39. If 43.2Ω resistors are not available, 43Ω 1% 0.25W, Farnell part number MRS2543R or RS part number 148-168 may be used as an alternative.

**Note:** There are problems inherent with removing components from four-layer boards. Components should only be desoldered from the board using vacuum desoldering equipment. An acceptable alternative would be to cut the wires to the components concerned, leaving enough of the wire on the board to allow the new resistor wires to be soldered to them. The new wires should be cropped close to the resistor, but allowing the new solder joint to be effected. On removing R39, which is no longer required, crop the wires back to the board.

**VIDEO NOISE (ACORN FCO E011 REFERS)**

Breakthrough of system noise occurs onto the screen. This shows as rippling on screen and is particularly noticeable with colour monitors. This seems to be particularly prevalent when running 'Arcwriter'.

If this occurs, solder a 1N4148 diode in parallel with R67 (adjacent to VIDC IC17) with the cathode (dark stripe) at the end nearest Q13. Remove the decoupling capacitor 'A' nearest to IC17, between it and Q12 either by using desoldering equipment or by cutting the capacitor out, leaving wires long enough to attach a new component. Replace this capacitor with a 22μF 6.3 V or higher axial lead electrolytic capacitor, eg Farnell part number 030 34229. Observe polarity - positive end furthest away from Q12.

**PCB MOUNTING**

There have been several methods employed of mounting the main PCB in the case. These include:

- i. 8 support pillars, part number 0884,063, fixed to the case. The board rests on these pillars, and is attached to the rear panel.
- ii. Later boards are supported by finger grips in the front moulding, with 3 support pillars 0884,063 under the PCB, plus the rear panel. On some units, the 3 support pillars are attached to the board.
- iii. The PCB is supported by finger grips in the front moulding and attached to the rear panel. Two PCB slide guides support the board along each side of the case, plus one central nylon spacer, part number 0884,065, attached to the board.

In all instances, exercise extreme care when removing the board from the case, so as not to snag supports or damage the board.

**Link 12**

Link 12 enables selection of ROM device types. The default setting is for EPROMs up to 0.5Mbit, 1Mbit ROMs and 1Mbit non-JEDEC EPROMs. Changing link 12 would allow the use of 1Mbit JEDEC EPROMs.

Issue 1 boards do not have the link fitted.

Issue 2 boards have a link consisting of either four pads or pins and shunts. The tracking is as for an issue 1 board. If the shunts are reversed, this may stop the machine functioning. Tracks need to be cut to change the link.

**Phono socket (mono video)**

Issue 1 boards have a mono video phono connector fitted to the PCB rear panel, with flying leads from the PCB.

Issue 2 boards have a board-mounted socket.

**Battery holder**

The battery holder is riveted to the base metalwork. If the battery holder is replaced, care must be taken to ensure that the fixing rivets are fitted to the two holes originally used. Only two of the four possible holes hold the battery holder assembly rigid.

**Saddle**

The disc drive support 'saddle' is fixed to the base metalwork by either screws or, on later units, rivets. All replacement base metalwork will have a saddle riveted in position.

**PSU**

Power Supply Units manufactured by Sanken have a screw head in the case which may foul the rear panel busbar. If fitting a Sanken PSU as a replacement, it may be necessary to modify the busbar by filing a piece out of it to clear the screwhead.







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## 300 SERIES

### MODULE LEVEL

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**WARNING: THIS COMPUTER MUST BE EARTHED**

**Important:** The wires in the mains lead for the computer are coloured in accordance with the following code:

<b>Green and yellow</b>	<b>Earth</b>
<b>Blue</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>Brown</b>	<b>Live</b>

**For United Kingdom users**

The moulded plug must be used with the fuse and fuse carrier firmly in place. The fuse carrier is of the same basic colour (though not necessarily the same shade of that colour) as the coloured insert in the base of the plug. Different manufacturers' plugs and fuse carriers are not interchangeable. In the event of loss of the fuse carrier, the moulded plug **MUST NOT** be used. Either replace the moulded plug with another conventional plug wired as described below, or obtain a replacement fuse carrier from an Acorn Computers' authorised dealer. In the event of the fuse blowing it should be replaced, after clearing any faults, with a 5-amp fuse that is ASTA approved to BS1362.

**For all users**

If the socket outlet available is not suitable for the plug supplied, either a different lead should be obtained or the plug should be cut off and the appropriate plug fitted and wired as noted below. The moulded plug which was cut off must be disposed of as it would be a potential shock hazard if it were to be plugged in with the cut off end of the mains cord exposed.

As the colours of the wires may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked by one of the following: the letter E, the safety earth symbol, the colour green, or the colour green and yellow.

The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N, or coloured black.

The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L, or coloured red.

**GUIDELINES FOR SAFE OPERATION**

The equipment described in this guide is designed and manufactured to comply with International safety standards IEC65 (BS415) and IEC380 (BS5850), and is intended for use only as a desktop microcomputer. It should not be used for other purposes. It is most important that unpacking and installation is carried out in accordance with the instructions given in the Welcome Guide.

The equipment is robustly constructed but in the interests of continued safe and reliable operation, careful handling and the following guidelines should be observed.

- **DO** keep the machine within a room temperature of 5 to 35 degrees C (41 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit) and a relative humidity of 15% to 95% (non-condensing).
- **DO** avoid sudden extremes in temperature, exposure to direct sunlight, heat sources (such as an electric fan heater) and rain.
- **DO** make sure that the equipment is standing on a suitable horizontal flat surface, allowing enough space for air to circulate when the equipment is in use.
- **DO** ensure that wires and cables are routed sensibly so that they cannot be snagged or tripped over. Don't tug or twist any wires or cables, or use them to hang or lift any of the units.
- **DO** switch off and unplug the equipment and any accessories before opening any unit, to install an upgrade, for example. The main computer unit should normally be operated with the cover attached, but it can safely be switched on with the cover removed, provided that care is taken not to short circuit any connections or to allow any fingers or objects in the area of the fan or disc drives when these are running. Be especially careful with jewellery. Do not attempt to open any display or monitor unit, whether supplied with this equipment or not.
- **DO** make sure you have read and understood any installation instructions supplied with upgrade kits before attempting to fit them. If you have any doubts, contact your supplier.
- **DON'T** spill liquids on the machine. If liquid does spill, turn the machine off immediately and take it to your dealer for assessment.
- **DON'T** drop the equipment or subject it to excessive bumping and jarring. This is particularly important if you have a hard disc installed.
- **DON'T** poke objects through the ventilation openings in the computer casing, and don't let items such as necklaces or bracelets drop into the openings.
- **DON'T** exceed a maximum power consumption of 20 watts from the Podule backplane supply.
- **DON'T** balance any objects or stand other equipment not designed for the purpose, on top of this equipment.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Nature and purpose of this manual

This manual is intended to provide the information required to diagnose and rectify faults in the Archimedes 300 series high performance computer system at module level.

The information contained in this manual is aimed at service engineers and Acorn dealers who will be servicing the Archimedes 300 series high performance computer system, at module level, on behalf of Acorn Computers Limited.

Details of service policy are as specified by Acorn Computers Limited in the Service and Support Strategy document.

Reference should be made to the Appendix at the back of this manual for latest Production and Field Change information prior to servicing.

### 1.2. Technical Specification

#### GENERAL

A high performance, microcomputer system, using the Acorn ARM RISC chip set, comprising the ARM (2 $\mu$ ) processor, the MEMC memory controller, the VIDC Video/Sound controller, and the IOC Input/Output controller.

The 'three-box' system comprises:

A metal cased main unit, with plastic front and rear mouldings, housing the main PCB, a 1 Mbyte (unformatted) 3.5" floppy disc drive, the PSU and provision for expansion Peripheral Modules (Podules) when the optional backplane and fan are fitted. The model 305 is fitted with 0.5Mbyte of DRAM and can be upgraded to model 310 specification by the addition of a further 0.5Mbyte of DRAM.

A 103 key keyboard unit with system reset button, housed in a plastic case. Connection to the main unit is via a coiled-style serial cable and 6-way miniature circular plug. Function keystrips can be accommodated on the keyboard. The keyboard incorporates electronics for key scanning, mouse signal decoding and serial data transfer between the keyboard and computer main unit. An electronically readable 6 bit identification code is included in the keyboard to allow the computer to detect keyboard variants, such as foreign language versions.

A three-button 'mouse' pointing device connects to the system via a 9-way circular socket on the keyboard. The mouse uses two quadrature detector encoded signals for each axis of movement with a resolution of 10 edges per mm. In Mode 0, 64mm of movement traverses the display area - scaling set to 1.

The Archimedes 300 series may be supplied with one of four monitor options:

- a. No monitor
- b. Monochrome - analogue with 256 display lines at 50 Hz (TV format).
- c. Colour - analogue RGB with 256 display lines at 50 Hz (TV format).
- d. Colour - analogue RGB multi-sync type. Monitors automatically lock on to one of two display frequencies generated by the 300 series:
  - i) TV format, 256 display lines, 50 Hz non-interlaced.
  - ii) High resolution mode, 512 display lines, 50 Hz non-interlaced.

NB Colour composite video and UHF/VHF TV outputs are not provided.

#### COMPUTER MAIN UNIT

<b>RAM Memory</b>	512K standard, upgradeable to 1 Mbyte total, model 305
	1 Mbyte standard, model 310
	120 nS access time
	16 off 64K x 4 RAM fitted as standard
	16 off 64K x 4 RAM optional upgrade, model 305

The Archimedes 300 series is supplied with 512K of ROM as standard.

ROM Memory	Four 32 pin sockets are fitted. The options are: 128K - 4 off 32K x 8bit ROM/EPROM (eg 27256) 256K - 4 off 64K x 8bit ROM/EPROM (eg 27512) 512K - 4 off 128K x 8bit ROM (eg 62301 ROM)			
Processor	24 MHz master clock oscillator. 4/8 MHz ARM (2μ) processor. System performance is typically 4 MIPS.			
Real-time clock	Powered by internal batteries when computer switched off			
Non-volatile RAM	240 bytes of static RAM which maintains preferred machine configuration, etc. Powered by internal batteries while the computer is switched off.			
Internal batteries	Two LR06 (AA size) 1.5 V Manganese Alkaline cells fitted inside computer main unit. Batteries require replacement once a year.			
Controls	Mains on/off switch at rear of unit, integral with PSU. Floppy disc eject button(s) on front panel. System reset button (on rear of keyboard unit).			
Indicators	Green LED on front panel indicates mains power on. Amber LED on floppy disc drive(s) indicates drive activity. Amber LED below power LED indicates hard disc drive activity (where fitted).			
Connectors				
Power inlet	IEC 320/CEE 22 power inlet connector.			
		Min.	Nominal	Max.
	Operating voltage range	198	220/240	264 Vac
	Frequency	47	50/60	63 Hz
	Rating (no monitor)		0.4	A
	(with monitor)		0.9	A
Power Outlet	IEC 320/CEE 22 power outlet connector.			
	This outlet is unswitched (ie not controlled by the PSU on/off switch) and is live whenever power is applied to the power inlet. Power rating 3 A max. continuous, 80 A max. surge.			
Podule Bus	64-way DIN 41612 connector on the main PCB for connection of Podule backplane.			
Parallel printer	25-way D type socket.			
Serial port	9-way D type plug.			
Colour analogue RGB video	9-way D type socket.			
Monochrome Composite Video	Phono (RCA) socket.			
Keyboard	6-way miniature circular socket for keyboard connection.			
Mouse	Three-button mechanical mouse connects via a 9-way circular connector on the keyboard.			
Audio	3.5 mm 32 ohm stereo jack socket for output to suitable personal-stereo headphones or hi-fi system.			
DIMENSIONS				
Main Unit	Overall height - 97 mm (excluding feet) Overall width - 362 mm approx. Overall depth - 406 mm approx.			
Colour	Two-tone cream/warm grey			

<b>Finish</b>	Fine texture
<b>Materials</b>	Painted metal ABS, flame retardent to meet IEC 950
<b>Keyboard</b>	Overall height - 46 mm (excluding feet) Overall width - 485 mm Overall depth - 205 mm
<b>Colour</b>	Cream case with warm grey main keys (in two shades) and red function keys.
<b>Finish</b>	Fine texture.
<b>Case material</b>	ABS, flame retardent to meet IEC950
<b>Function keystrip holder</b>	Clear plastics flame retardent to meet IEC 950.
<b>Weight:</b>	1.75 Kg
<b>OPTIONS - (see Upgrading, section 4, for fitting details)</b>	
<b>Podule backplane and fan</b>	The backplane plugs into the main PCB to enable Podules to be connected via two 64-way DIN 41612 connectors. The fan provides extra cooling required when Podules are fitted.
<b>Econet interface</b>	Plug-in Econet module fits onto main PCB. Econet 5-pin DIN socket fitted as standard (may be fitted with blanking plug prior to upgrade).
<b>Podules</b>	Mechanically identical to single or double width Eurocards, up to two Podules can be fitted at any one time, fitted one above the other within the rear of the main unit case. If an Econet module is fitted, a half-width only Podule (or one designed to fit around an Econet module, such as the I/O Podule) can be fitted in the lower position. Podules available and planned for the Archimedes system include:
<b>ROM Podule (AKA05)</b>	Provides a capability for plug-in ROM based software.
<b>I/O Podule (AKA10)</b>	Reproduces the BBC Model B/Master Series A to D port, User Port and 1 MHz bus.
<b>MIDI Podule (AKA16)</b>	Provides a MIDI control interface with music synthesisers. A MIDI module, AKA15, which can be added to an I/O Podule, is also available.
<b>Hard disc</b>	(part of Hard Disc Upgrade AKD52, see below)
The 300 Series can be fitted with most types of Podule designed for the Archimedes system but Co-processor Podules, which need access to the main system data bus, are not supported by the 300 series.	
<b>Second Floppy Disc Drive(AKD50)</b>	A second 3.5" floppy disc drive can be fitted internally as a dealer upgrade. The upgrade consists of a disc drive, a new data cable assembly and front sub-moulding.
<b>Hard Disc (AKD52)</b>	A 20 Mbyte (formatted) 3.5" hard disc can be fitted as a dealer upgrade, together with a Hard Disc Podule. A Podule backplane and fan is also required.
Either a hard disc upgrade or a second floppy disc upgrade may be fitted.	
<b>RAM (AKA51)</b>	A 0.5 Mbyte RAM upgrade can be fitted to model 305 by inserting additional RAM chips, supplied as a dealer upgrade kit, into the unpopulated sockets on the main unit PCB.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	5 to 35° C
<b>Humidity</b>	10% to 95% at 35° C non-condensing

Altitude	0 to 2500 metres above sea level
Storage Temperature	-40 to 70° C
Humidity	10 to 95% RH non-condensing
Altitude	Up to 10,000 metres

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

Designed and manufactured to comply with the EEC Low Voltage Directive.

When fitted with PSU intended for 220/240 V operation:

BS415	(IEC 65)
BS5850	(IEC 380)

**OPERATING SYSTEM**

The Arthur Operating System is described in detail in the Archimedes Programmers' Reference Manual. A summary of the facilities offered by Arthur is as follows:

**Screen modes** Eighteen standard screen modes are supported, with three additional modes designed to take advantage of multi-sync higher definition monitors. The first eight modes provide compatibility with the BBC Microcomputer 6502 based range MOS:

Mode	Pixel Resolution	Logical Colours	Text
0	640 x 256	2	80 x 32
1	320 x 256	4	40 x 32
2	160 x 256	16	20 x 32
3	TEXT ONLY	2	80 x 25
4	320 x 256	2	80 x 25
5	160 x 256	4	20 x 32
6	TEXT ONLY	2	40 x 25
7	TELETEXT	TELETEXT	40 x 25
8	640 x 256	4	80 x 32
9	320 x 256	16	40 x 32
10	160 x 256	256	20 x 32
11	TEXT ONLY	80 x 25	
12	640 x 256	16	80 x 32
13	320 x 256	256	40 x 32
14	TEXT ONLY	16	80 x 25
15	640 x 256	256	80 x 32
16	TEXT ONLY	16	132 x 32
17	TEXT ONLY	16	132 x 25

The following modes are for use with multi-sync monitors only:

18	640 x 512	2	80 x 64
19	640 x 512	4	80 x 64
20	640 x 512	16	80 x 64

In all modes except Teletext, the colours can be chosen from a palette of 4096 colours, with some restrictions in the 256 colour modes.

**Graphics****Extensions**

Modes 16 and 17, together with graphics extensions, enable VT 100 and VT 220 emulations to be implemented.

The GCOL primitive has been extended to cover transparency and additional raster operations. The GXR Sprite function has been extended to support WIMPS more fully and to provide BLITTER functions for animation.

**Hardware cursor**

This is a user-definable 3 colour shape ( a sprite) which can be linked to mouse movement.



<b>Window manager</b>	This provides a ROM/Operating System based WIMP manager which can be used by applications programs. It manages up to 32 windows and provides a common user interface with the mouse across applications.
<b>Alphabets</b>	Five 8-bit (7-bit ASCII + extensions) alphabets are included in the ROM. These are based on ISO 8859 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. Parts 1 through 4 support concurrent wordprocessing, etc in country groupings. Part 7 supports Greek and English. Optional alphabets based on Cyrillic, Arabic and Hebrew will be available.
<b>Fonts</b>	Alternative fonts are supported. These are defined in a file and cached as required in memory. The fonts are proportionally spaced and can cover a wide range of point sizes. Options for text justification are provided for use by application programs.
<b>Command line interpreter</b>	Allows parameters, conditionals, aliasing of commands, system variables and expressions.
<b>Debug facilities</b>	A Monitor program is provided which allows for debugging, ie breakpoints, disassembler, etc.
<b>Sound</b>	<p>Extended features are provided to support the hardware capability.</p> <p>The Operating System sound code is split into three levels:</p> <p>Level 0    Sound DMA Buffer handler:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Number of channels, sample rate, channel length.  Program number of channels (max. of 8 - default 1)  Enable/disable local speaker  Enable/disable sound system  Program stereo position (max. of 7 positions)</p> <p>Level 1    Sound Channel Controller:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sets loudness amongst many other characteristics.</p> <p>Level 2    Event Queue manager:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Schedules events related to screen display, etc.</p>
<b>BBC BASIC V</b>	<p>Contains extended functions, including:</p> <p>WHILE ——— ENDWHILE  CASE — WHEN — OTHERWISE — ENDCASE  IF — THEN — ELSE ——— ENDIF  Function and Procedure libraries  Enhanced error handling  Whole array operations  Binary and unary operators  Enhanced TRACE  Improved PRINT accuracy  Re-written string storage  More line numbers and sophisticated tabulation  Full ARM assembler</p>
<b>BASIC editor</b>	An extended version of the Acornsoft 6502 based editor.
<b>6502 Emulation Code</b>	This code, which is supplied on the Welcome disc, provides a software environment in which to execute 'legally' written 6502 code.
<b>Advanced Disc Filing System</b>	An improved version of the 6502-based ADFS. User disc handling has been both extended and simplified. An additional 800K disc format is added which also provides a faster access time.

**Advanced Network  
Filing System**

An improved version of the 6502-based ANFS, it has been generalised to support a broader Networking base. Three code modules are included: Econet, NetFS and NetPrint.

**Floating Point  
Emulator**

The FPE code is supplied on the Welcome disc. This emulates hardware floating point units and is used with high level language compilers.

### **1.3 Packaging and Installation**

The computer main unit, keyboard and mouse are supplied in a moulded two-part polystyrene packing in a cardboard carton. Also included are a Welcome Guide, a Welcome/Utilities disc, a User Guide, a Keycard set and a guarantee card. An optional colour or monochrome monitor is supplied packed separately.

Do not use the computer system in conditions of extreme heat, cold, humidity or dust or in places subject to vibration. Do not block the ventilation slots in the main unit casing. Ensure that no foreign objects are inserted through any openings in the casing.

A schematic of the Archimedes 300 series is shown below:



VIDC also controls all the display timing parameters and controls the position and pattern of the cursor sprite. In addition, it incorporates an exponential Digital to Analogue Converter (DAC) and stereo image table for the generation of high quality sound from data in the DRAM.

The VIDC is a highly programmable device, offering a very wide choice of display formats. The colour look-up palette which drives the three on-chip DACs is 13 bits wide, offering a choice from 4096 colours or an external video source.

The cursor sprite is 32 pixels wide and any number of rasters high. Three simultaneous colours (again from a choice of 4096) are supported and any pixel can be defined as transparent, making possible cursors of many shapes. It can be positioned anywhere on the screen. The sound system implemented on the device can support up to 8 channels, each with a separate stereo position.

The Input Output Controller (IOC) controls the IO bus, expansion Podules and provides basic functions such as the keyboard interface, system timers, interrupt masks and control registers. It supports a number of different peripheral cycles and all IO accesses are memory mapped.

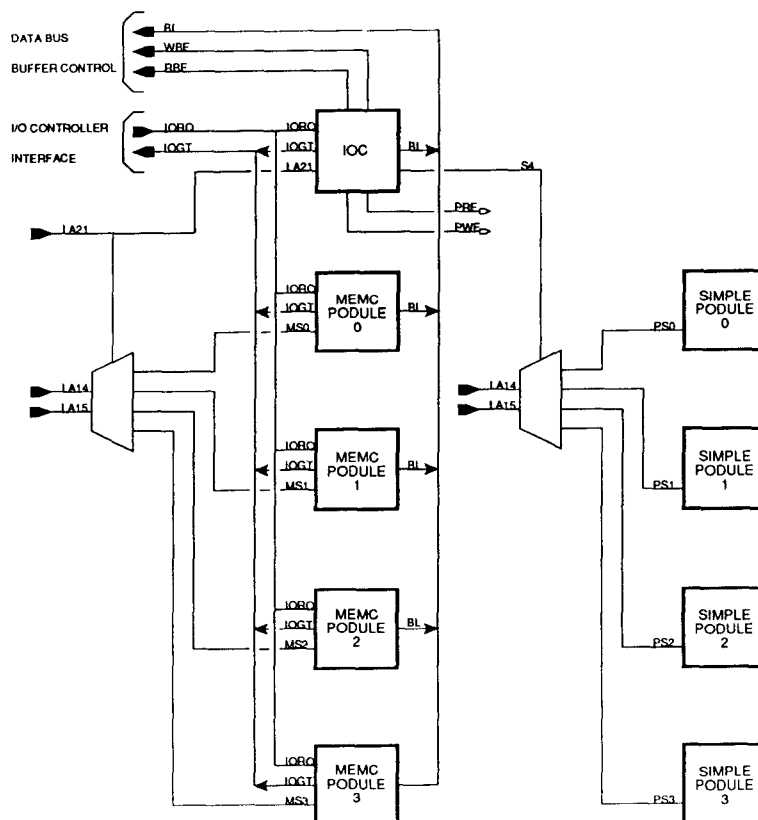
## The I/O system

The I/O system is controlled by the I/O Controller IOC and the Memory Controller MEMC. The I/O Bus supports all the internal peripherals and the PODULE expansions. It is important to realise that it is up to the machine operating system, in conjunction with the Podule ID, to determine the address at which a Podule should be accessed.

## System Architecture

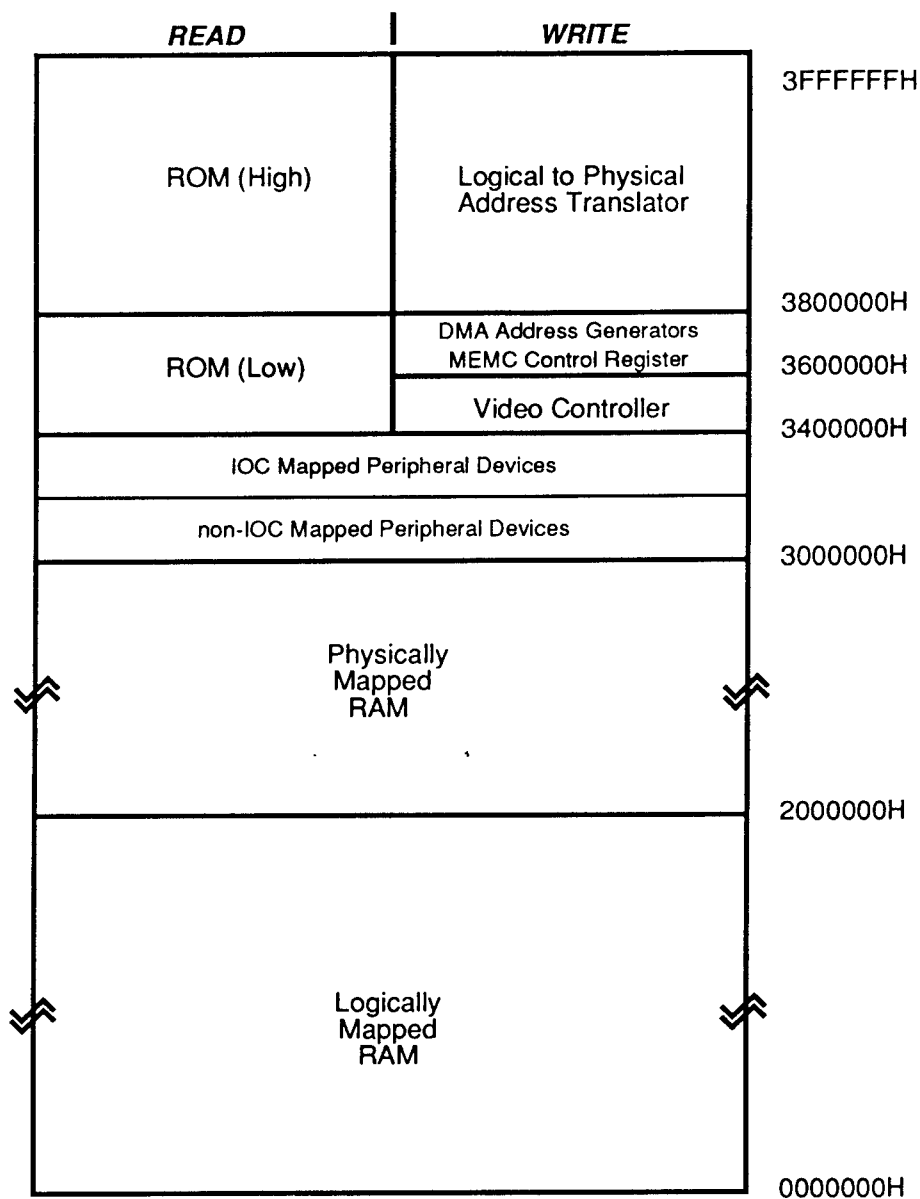
The I/O system (which includes Podule devices) consists of a 16 bit data bus (BD[0:15]) a buffered address bus (LA[2:21]) and various control and timing signals. The I/O data bus is independent from the main 32-bit system data bus, being separated from it by bidirectional latches and buffers. In this way the I/O data bus can run at much slower speeds than the main system bus to cater for slower peripheral devices. The latches between the 2 buses and hence the I/O bus timing are controlled by the I/O controller, IOC. The IOC caters for 4 different cycle speeds (slow, medium, fast and synchronous).

A typical 300 series I/O system with 'simple' Podules fitted is shown in the diagram below. The Podules are controlled by IOC. For clarity, the data and address buses are omitted from this diagram.



## System Memory Map

The system memory map is defined by the MEMC, and is shown below. Note that all system components, including I/O devices, are memory mapped.



## The Sound System

The sound system is based on the VIDC stereo sound hardware. External analogue anti-alias filters are used which are optimised for a 20 kHz sample rate. The high quality sound output is available at a 3.5mm stereo jack socket at the rear of the machine which will directly drive personal stereo headphones or alternatively an amplifier and speakers. A mono mix of the sound output is sent to the internal loud-speaker.

### 3. Disassembly and Assembly

The main unit houses the main PCB, the PSU and 3.5" floppy disc drive. Provision is made for the installation of a second floppy disc drive or hard disc unit plus a variety of Podules via a backplane board. A cooling fan may also be fitted with some upgrades.

The keyboard, mouse and monitor are separate units. See the appropriate third-party service information for the monitor. The mouse is a service replacement only item.

#### Main Unit

##### DISASSEMBLY

1. Disconnect the computer from the mains supply and all peripherals, including the keyboard.
2. Place the main unit, with the rear panel facing you, on a worksurface with a clean, soft covering.
3. Remove the top cover as follows (see fig. 1):

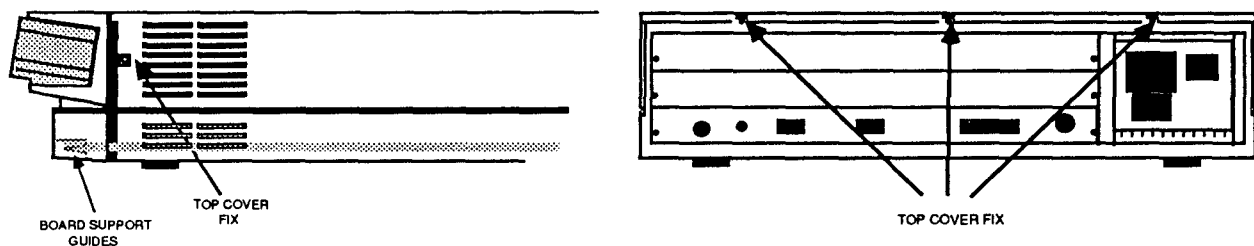


FIG. 1

Remove the two screws in the sides of the top cover, immediately behind the front moulding.

Remove the three screws along the top of the rear panel and remove the top cover by sliding it off from the rear of the unit.

4. To remove the main PCB:

Unplug the following cables from the main PCB (see fig. 2):

Speaker/LED connector PL9.

Battery connector PL11.

Fan connector PL12 (if fitted).

Four power tags - PL5 (yellow, +12V), PL6 (black, 0V), PL7 (red, +5V) and PL8 (mauve, -5V).

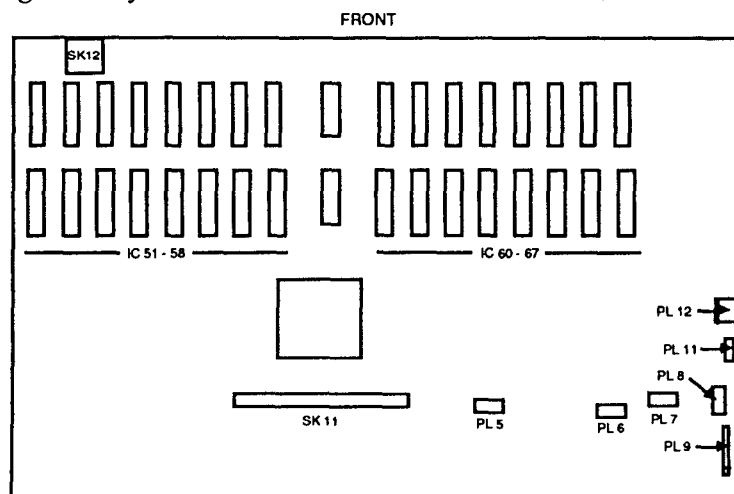


FIG. 2 MAIN BOARD

5. Unplug the floppy disc drive cable from SK11 on the main PCB. If a hard disc drive is fitted, unplug the 34-way (PL3) and 20-way (PL4) connectors from the Hard Disc Podule.
6. Unplug and remove any Podules fitted - see the relevant upgrade instruction in section 4, "Upgrading".
7. Unplug and remove the Podule backplane (if fitted) - see the relevant upgrade instruction in section 4, "Upgrading".
8. Stand the unit up on its left side and remove the two screws and star washers from the underside securing the rear bus bars (see fig. 3).

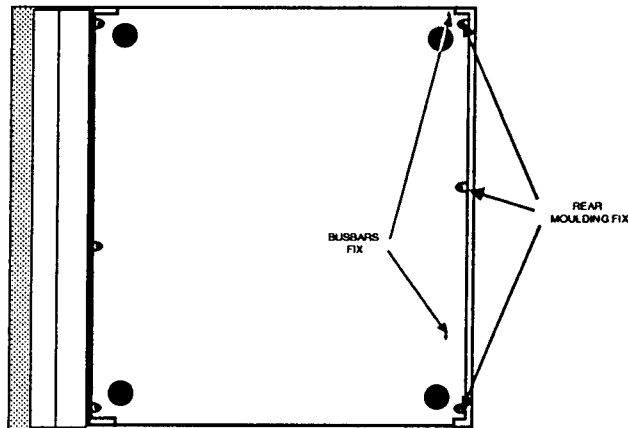


FIG. 3

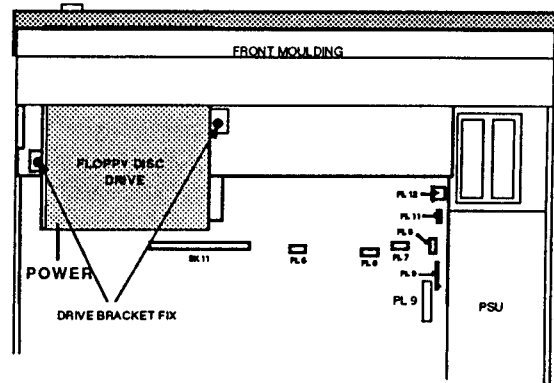


FIG. 4

9. Remove the 3 screws from the underside securing the rear moulding.
10. Stand the unit back on its feet and begin to withdraw the rear moulding, with the main PCB attached, out of the case. Support the front edge of the PCB as soon as it is accessible.

The optional cooling fan is mounted against the front left side of the casing (viewed from the front), alongside the battery holder. See section 4.4 for details.

### FLOPPY DISC DRIVE

A single internal floppy disc drive is fitted as standard. To remove the drive, follow steps 1, 2 and 3 above in "Main Unit Disassembly" to gain access to the interior of the main unit. With reference to Figure 4, unplug the drive data ribbon cable from SK11 on the main PCB and the power cable connector from the rear of the drive. Locate and remove the two screws securing the disc drive mounting bracket to the saddle bracket and carefully withdraw the disc drive assembly from the main unit.

Before installing a replacement drive, remove the front facia which is supplied clipped to the drive and fix the eject button to its shaft using cyanoacrylate adhesive (observe safety precautions on the adhesive pack).

Partially insert a disc before carefully placing the drive assembly in position. Guide the disc through the slot in the moulding and adjust the position of the drive until the eject button passes through its slot in the moulding. Insert and partially tighten the two drive bracket fixing screws. Push the disc fully into the drive. Check that the drive will accept and reject discs and that the eject button does not bind on the moulding. Adjust the position of the drive mounting bracket if necessary, then finally tighten the fixing screws.

For access to front case moulding assemblies, front panel LEDs and speaker, see the relevant disc drive upgrade instructions in section 4, "Upgrading".

**POWER SUPPLY UNIT****CAUTION: DOUBLE POLE/NEUTRAL FUSING**

The PSU is fitted with a double-pole switch and both the Live and Neutral lines are fused.

To remove the PSU, ensure that all low voltage captive leads are disconnected and free from restraints. Remove the fan (if fitted) then remove the four M3 x 6 mm fixing screws from the underside of the base metalwork. Slide the PSU forward to clear the rear moulding, then lift it clear. When installing a PSU, the system should be tested for satisfactory earth continuity in accordance with IEC 950\*.

NOTE: THE PSU IS A SERVICE REPLACEMENT ONLY ITEM.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE**

**WHEN REFITTING OR FITTING A REPLACEMENT ASSEMBLY, CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE FOR EARTH CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE EARTH PIN OF THE MAINS PLUG AND THE FOLLOWING:**

**THE BASE METALWORK**

**THE REAR PANELS (INCLUDING BLANKING PANELS)**

**THE TOP COVER**

**USE AN EARTH CONTINUITY TESTER SET TO 25 AMPS.**

**MAIN UNIT ASSEMBLY**

Assembly is generally the reverse of the disassembly procedures, but take care with routing of cables and ensure that leads are not trapped when refitting assemblies to the main unit.

**Keyboard**

Two types of keyboard have been used in production - known as Keyboard Products (KPL) and Keytronics. These units house PCBs which are electrically compatible but physically different in construction. The two types are distinguished externally by the position of the LED in the Scroll Lock key; the KPL keyboard has this LED in the top left of the keytop, whilst on the Keytronics version it is in the top right corner. Keyboard PCBs must be replaced on a like-for-like basis, as follows:

**DISASSEMBLY - SEE FIG. 5**

Invert the keyboard and place it on a soft, level surface. Remove the eight Pozidriv screws securing the two halves of the case and carefully lift the base moulding away.

For a KPL PCB, remove the three No. 6 x 1/4" Pozidriv screws (A, B and C) securing the board to the top moulding and carefully lift the board clear. Note that seven plastic spacers are placed over the fixing bosses in the top moulding; three are clamped by the board fixing screws, whilst two at each end support the board without fixing screws. Ensure that the spacers are located correctly before replacing the PCB into the moulding.

The Keytronics board is fixed to the top moulding by four No. 6 x 1/4" screws, two at each end of the metal PCB support tray plus, on some units, three further screws at A, B and C as for the KPL Keyboard. Remove the three extra screws first, if fitted, then remove the two screws from the end nearest to the keyboard cable. Loosen the two remaining screws and lift the board clear.

Note that the reset switch cap must be removed from the original keyboard and fitted to the replacement.



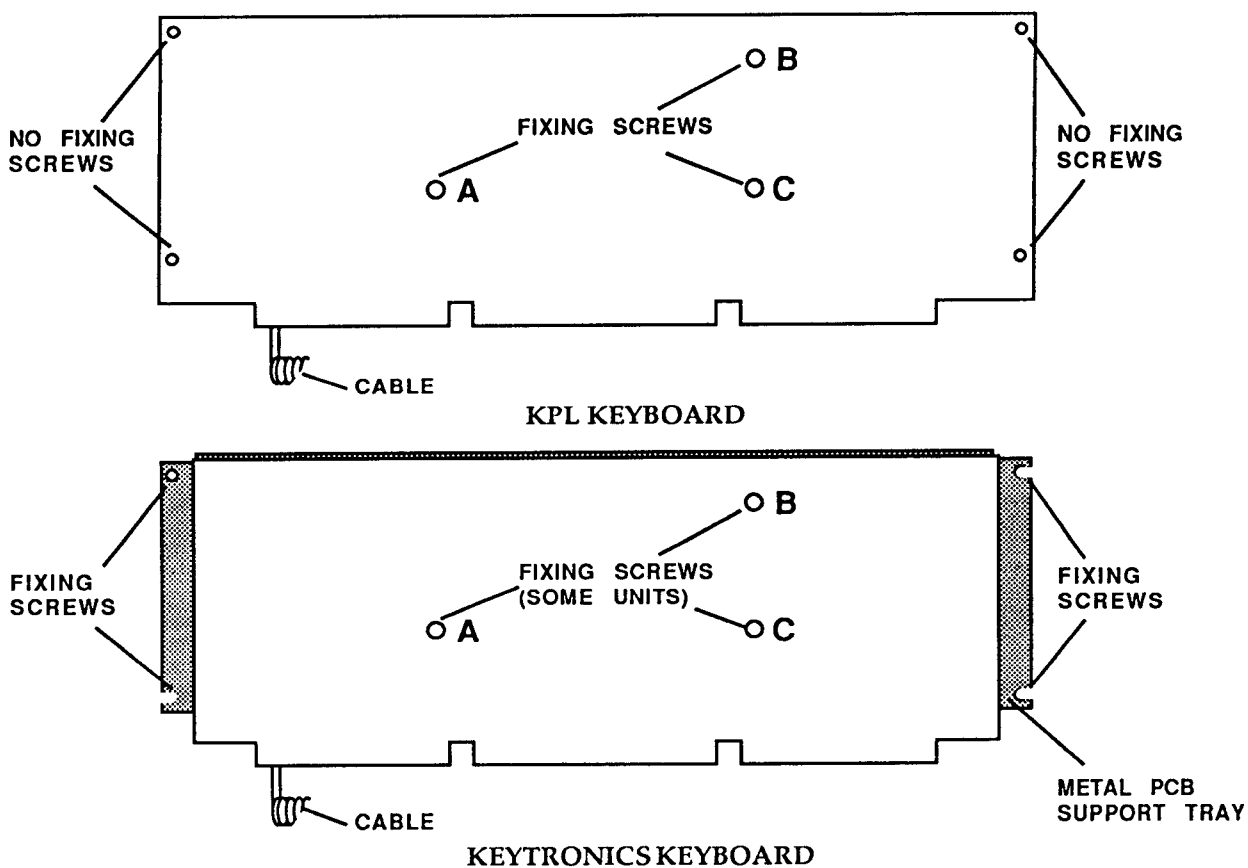


FIG. 5 KEYBOARD PCB DETAIL

**ASSEMBLY**

Keyboard assembly is generally in reverse order, with the following notes:

KPL - ensure all the spacers are in position before fitting the PCB to the moulding. Check that all keys clear the cutouts in the top moulding before finally tightening all PCB fixing screws.

Keytronics - Slot the PCB support tray under the two fixing screws at the end furthest from the Keyboard cable, then insert the remaining screws. Check that all keys clear the cutouts in the top moulding before finally tightening all PCB fixing screws.

**Mouse**

The mouse is a service replacement only item.

## 4. Upgrading

Any modification or upgrade carried out to the printed circuit board of any Acorn equipment is undertaken at the sole risk of the person carrying out the modification or upgrade. No claim for loss or damage to the equipment caused by the modification or upgrade by unskilled personnel shall be accepted by Acorn Computers Ltd.

Before commencing an upgrade, please read all of the instructions carefully. If you are in doubt about your ability to carry it out, the upgrade kit and computer should be taken to your nearest authorised Acorn dealer.

A charge may be levied by the dealer for installing the upgrade in the machine, such a charge shall be entirely at the discretion of the dealer.

The following are copies of the actual upgrade instructions. These instructions are the latest issues at the time this manual was prepared.

The backplane, podule, second floppy disc drive and MIDI module installation leaflets, together with the Arthur ROM fitting instruction, are supplied with the upgrade kits, giving instructions for fitting the upgrade by the user.

The hard disc upgrade leaflet is supplied with the kit and gives user information on the use and care of the hard disc.

The hard disc and RAM upgrade kit fitting instructions are supplied to dealers only for dealer-fitted upgrades.

# BACKPLANE INSTALLATION LEAFLET

## For use with the Archimedes High Performance Computer System

Any Podule is installed by plugging it into an adapter, inside the Archimedes, called the 'backplane'. This leaflet describes how to install the backplane as well as a cooling fan which is included with the kit. It is essential that the fan is fitted at the same time as the backplane to ensure that the machine remains within its specified operating temperature range.

The backplane fitting kit should contain the following parts.

For the backplane:

- 1 backplane PCB
- 1 mounting bar
- 2 hexagonal plastic spacers
- 4 self-tapping screws to fit the spacers
- 2 straight screws to locate the mounting bar
- 1 tie-wrap

For the fan assembly:

- 1 fan unit
- 1 filter clamp
- 1 fan filter
- 4 bolts and 6 nuts to locate the fan and filter

If any of these parts is missing then consult your supplier.

Fitting the backplane necessitates removing the lid of the Archimedes. The only tools required to do this are a medium Posidriv screwdriver (which is also needed to locate the mounting bar, the backplane PCB and the fan unit) and a M4 spanner. If you are not confident of fitting the backplane yourself, then please take your Archimedes and the backplane fitting kit to your dealer who will fit it for you.

## WARNING

Ensure that the Archimedes is switched off at the rear and that the mains supply cable is disconnected from the mains before removing any covers.

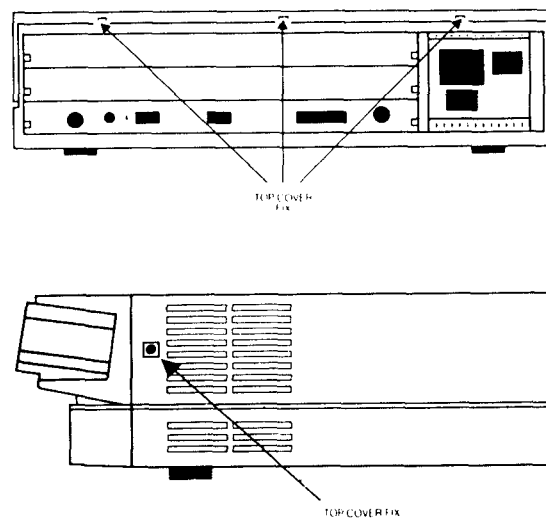
Under normal operation, hazardous voltages exist in the power supply unit. Do not push, dangle or drop objects through the ventilation holes of the PSU case.

If for any reason, the PSU is removed from the casework, then on reassembly, the system should be tested for satisfactory safety earth continuity as detailed in the *Archimedes Service manual*.

## DISASSEMBLY

First, make sure that the Archimedes is disconnected from the mains by unplugging the power supply cable, and remove any peripherals (including the keyboard) that are attached. Clear the Archimedes completely, that is, remove any monitor from on top and any other loose items.

The top case is held by three screws at the top rear of the unit and one screw on each side of the unit. These must be removed. The position of these screws are shown in figure 1.



**The position of the screws holding the top case**  
**Figure 1**

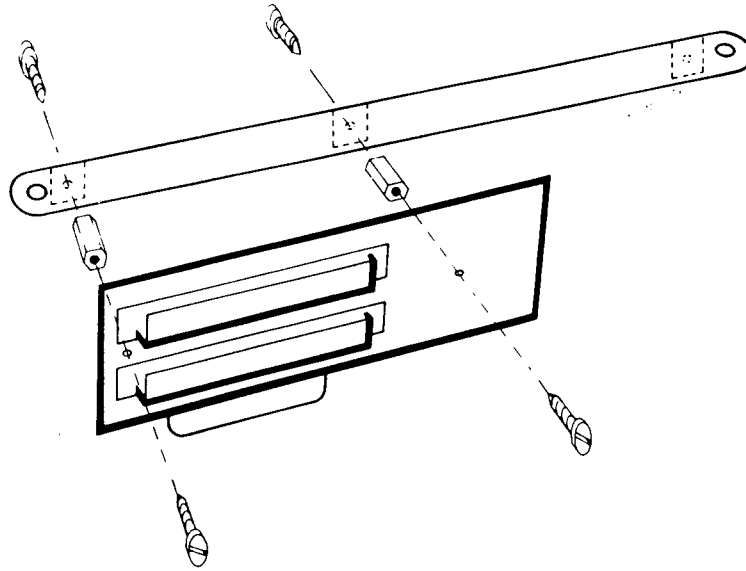
Once you have removed the five screws, the lid of the unit will slide back and off. Remove the lid from the unit completely.

The backplane can now be fitted.

## **FITTING THE BACKPLANE**

The first task is to affix the backplane PCB to the backplane mounting bar using the hexagonal plastic spacers and the four self-tapping screws.

It is vital to get the PCB and the mounting bar in correct relation to one another, and to use the correct two holes in the mounting bar. (See figure 2.)



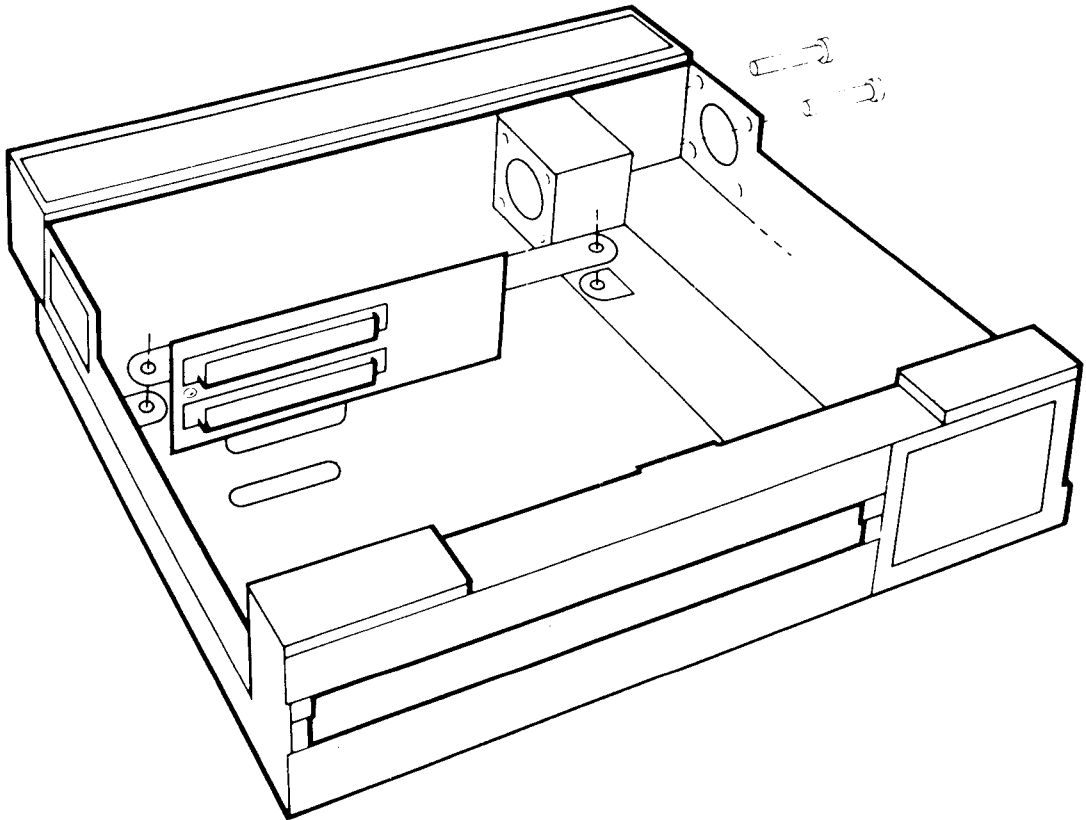
**The correct relation of the mounting bar and the backplane PCB**  
**Figure 2**

Following figure 2, use four self-tapping screws and the two hexagonal plastic spacers to mount the PCB on the bar. Tighten the screws until the assembly becomes a firm unit with no play.

On the Archimedes, there is a bunch of cables and connectors tie-wrapped to the side of the power supply unit. Some of these cables are needed to power the backplane, so cut the tie-wrap using a pair of scissors. Take care not to cut or damage any of the cables themselves.

The backplane mounting bar is located on two flanges. One is located on the power supply unit near to where the cables were tie-wrapped. The other flange is located on the opposite side of the unit. (See figure 3.)

Next, take the backplane PCB attached to its mounting bar and, with the mounting bar nearest the front of the Archimedes, plug the connector on the backplane into the connector on the Archimedes PCB. As you do this, ensure that the connector is aligned correctly and do not use any excessive force. If it is difficult to plug in, then it is not aligned correctly, so remove it and start again. Be careful that the mounting bar does not snag on any of the cables that you have just freed. All the cables must be loose and in front of the mounting bar. (See figure 3.)



**The backplane and fan assembly mounting points**  
**Figure 3**

When the backplane is located on the Archimedes PCB, the backplane mounting bar should line up fairly closely with the flanges on the Archimedes. Use the two straight screws supplied and gently manipulate the Archimedes lower case and the backplane mounting bar until they locate through the bar and into the holes below. Tighten up the screws in such a position as the backplane PCB is as near vertical as possible. The holes in the backplane mounting bar are oval for this purpose.

Take the black single wire from the bunch that was freed and connect it to the tag on the backplane PCB labelled 0V.

Take the red single wire and connect it to the tag on the backplane PCB labelled +5V.

Take the yellow single wire and connect it to the tag on the backplane PCB labelled +12V.

If a hard disc drive is already fitted to the Archimedes then the installation of the backplane is now complete.

If a hard disc drive is not fitted then the power supply cable used for it is still hanging free. This cable, which has a large plastic-covered connector on the end, must be tied out of harm's way to the backplane mounting bar using the new tie-wrap supplied. Make sure that there is no way that the live pins in the connector can come into contact with any surface in the Archimedes, such as the power supply unit, or the PCB, or the backplane mounting bar itself.

The backplane unit is now installed.

## **FITTING THE FAN ASSEMBLY**

The fan assembly locates on the left side of the Archimedes, just in front of the power supply unit. There are four holes in the case arranged in a square pattern. The fan assembly locates on four bolts through these holes. (See figure 3.)

First, examine the fan unit itself. There are two arrows inscribed on its case, one showing the direction of rotation, and one showing the direction of airflow. The arrow indicating the direction of airflow must point **into** the Archimedes case when the fan is installed.

Take the four bolts and insert them, from the outside, into the four holes. Place one hand over all four bolt heads to stop them from being pushed out.

Take the fan unit and, ensuring that it is the correct way round as described above, pass its mounting holes over the four bolts which protrude into the case.

Put a nut on each bolt, and, holding each nut in turn with one hand, use the Posidriv screwdriver to tighten the bolt from the outside.

Next, take the fan filter and pass it over the four bolts, being careful not to tear it. Locate the filter so that the nuts fit through the cutouts and the filter is flush against the face of the fan.

Take the filter clamp and pass this over the four bolts. Fit the two remaining nuts on to the top right and bottom left bolts (as viewed from inside the machine). Tighten the nuts, using an M4 spanner. Be careful not to trap the filter material between the filter clamp and the four fan-fixing nuts.

Finally, plug the power supply connector from the fan lead on to the connector labelled PL12 on the Archimedes PCB. This connector will only engage correctly one way round.

The fan assembly is now installed.

## **REASSEMBLY**

Once the backplane and fan unit are correctly installed, slide the top case of the Archimedes on from the rear, making sure that it is correctly located in the two slots, one on each side of the lower case.

First replace the three screws at the rear of the unit and tighten them up. (See figure 1.)

Finally replace the two screws, one on each side of the case and tighten them up. (See figure 1.)



## **REPLACING THE FAN FILTER**

To replace the fan filter, proceed as follows:

- undo the two M4 nuts retaining the filter clamp
- remove the clamp and filter
- replace the filter with a new one
- refit the clamp and the two M4 nuts

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# ECONET MODULE FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

## FOR USE WITH MASTER 128, MASTER COMPACT AND ARCHIMEDES 300/400 SERIES

These instructions explain how to install an Econet module into a Master 128, Master Compact and Archimedes 300/400 series microcomputer. After reading the *Introduction* you should then refer to the part of the instructions relevant to your machine.

### INTRODUCTION

Any modification or upgrade carried out to the printed circuit board of any Acorn equipment is undertaken at the sole risk of the person carrying out the modification or upgrade. No claim for loss or damage to the equipment caused by the modification or upgrade by unqualified personnel shall be accepted by Acorn Computers Limited.

Before commencing an upgrade please read all of the instructions carefully. If you do not feel confident to carry out this upgrade then take the upgrade kit and your computer to an Acorn Computers' authorised dealer for upgrade installation.

A charge may be levied by the dealer for installing the Econet upgrade in your machine, such a charge shall be entirely at the discretion of the dealer.

**IMPORTANT:** Most electronic devices can be damaged by static electricity. To reduce the possible adverse effects of static electricity note the following points when installing any component(s) or upgrade:

- avoid personal static charge where possible
- avoid working in areas where there are manmade fibres, eg nylon carpets and nylon clothing
- after the computer is disconnected from the mains, touch the metalwork of the case while performing the upgrade to ensure that you and the computer are at an equal potential
- keep the IC(s) in anti-static foam until fitted
- avoid touching the pins of the IC(s) during fitting

This upgrade may require the installation of a ROM into your computer. It is important to be able to identify pin one on the ROM so that it can be installed in the correct orientation. Pin one is indicated in one of two ways. Either a small dot or dimple is placed directly above pin one, or a horseshoe shaped indentation is cut into the pin one end of the IC with pin one always being to the left of the indentation. In some instances both of these indicators will be present.

## Disassembly

To remove the top cover of the Archimedes, proceed as follows:

- 1 Switch the computer off and disconnect it from the mains supply by unplugging the power supply cable.
- 2 Disconnect and remove all peripherals, including the keyboard and the monitor.
- 3 Place the computer, with the rear panel facing you, on a worksurface with a clean, soft covering.
- 4 Locate and remove the three screws along the top of the rear panel.
- 5 Locate and remove the two screws (one in each side of the top cover) immediately behind the front moulding.
- 6 Remove the top cover by sliding it off from the rear of the computer.

## Installing the Econet module

Included in the Econet module upgrade kit are two plastic printed circuit board support posts. These must be fitted to the main printed circuit board before installing the Econet module.

The positions at which these posts are to be fitted are shown in **figure 1**.

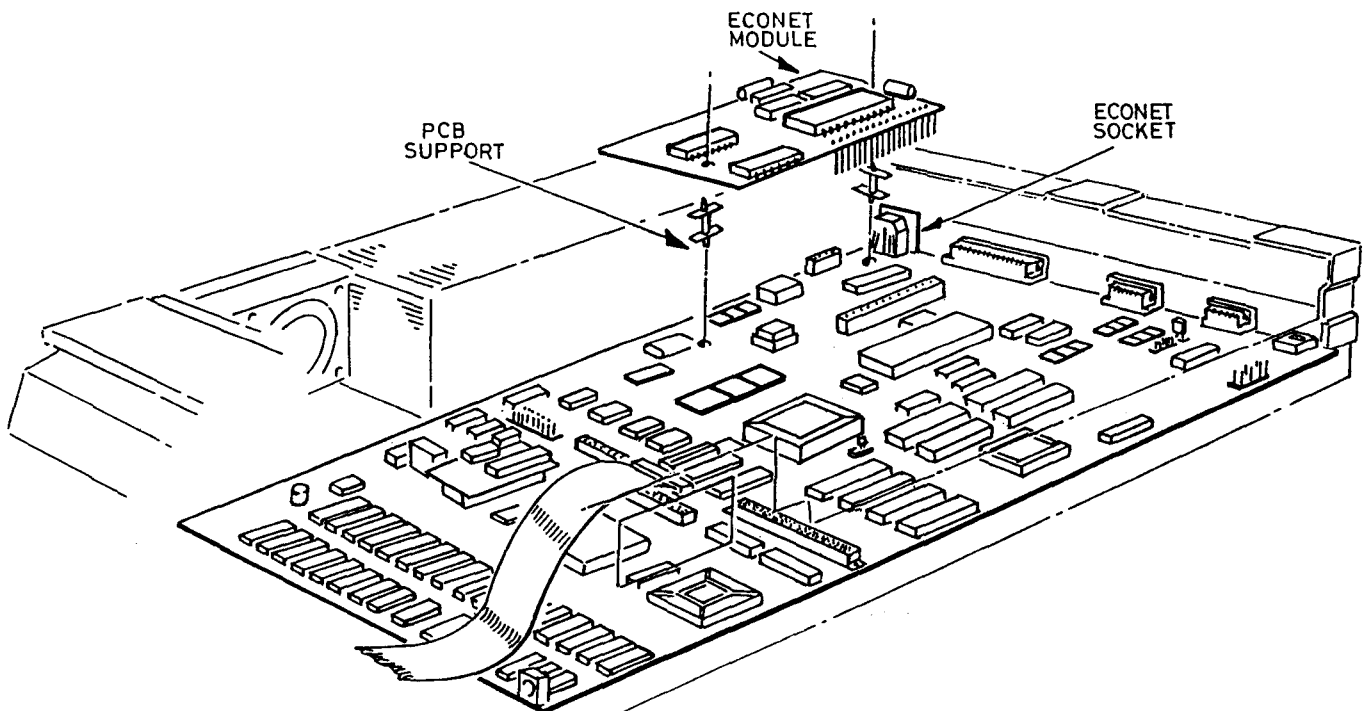


Figure 1

When fitting the PCB supports, ensure that the base flange does not interfere with any component on the PCB. To fit the support, insert one end into the hole in the PCB and press down gently. When the PCB supports are installed on the main PCB, the Econet module should be placed in position ensuring that:

- 1 The pins of PL1 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in the socket SK5 on the main PCB.
- 2 The pins of PL2 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in the socket SK6 on the main PCB.
- 3 The PCB supports are aligned with the corresponding holes on the Econet module PCB.

When you are satisfied that all the pins and supports are correctly aligned, the Econet module PCB may be pressed gently into place. The Econet module is correctly seated when the barbs on the tips of the PCB supports have cleared the surface of the Econet module PCB. An audible click should be heard when the barbs spring into place securing the PCB.

Take care not to exert too much pressure when pressing home the Econet module PCB, this may lead to damage of the various connectors.

Visually check that all is well and re-assemble the computer unit by refitting the top cover and inserting the five fixing screws, three in the rear panel and one at each side of the computer.

### **Network Software**

The ANFS ROM supplied with the Econet module upgrade is not required in the Archimedes. An enhanced version of the ANFS software is incorporated into the Arthur operating system ROM already installed in the Archimedes 300/400 series.

The Archimedes is now ready to be connected to an Econet network. See your Network Manager who will assign and set your station number.

If you have a version of the Arthur operating system earlier than 1.2 then contact your supplier for information on how to obtain an upgrade

## **MASTER 128 AND MASTER COMPACT MICROCOMPUTERS**

### **Machine orientation**

Within this fitting instruction, the points of the compass are used to indicate the way in which components are oriented. With the machine positioned such that the keyboard is nearest you and uppermost, the nearest edge is designated to be SOUTH, the rear NORTH and right and left are designated EAST and WEST respectively.

The Econet module will be installed in the NORTH-EAST corner of the printed circuit board on both the Master 128 and Compact machines.

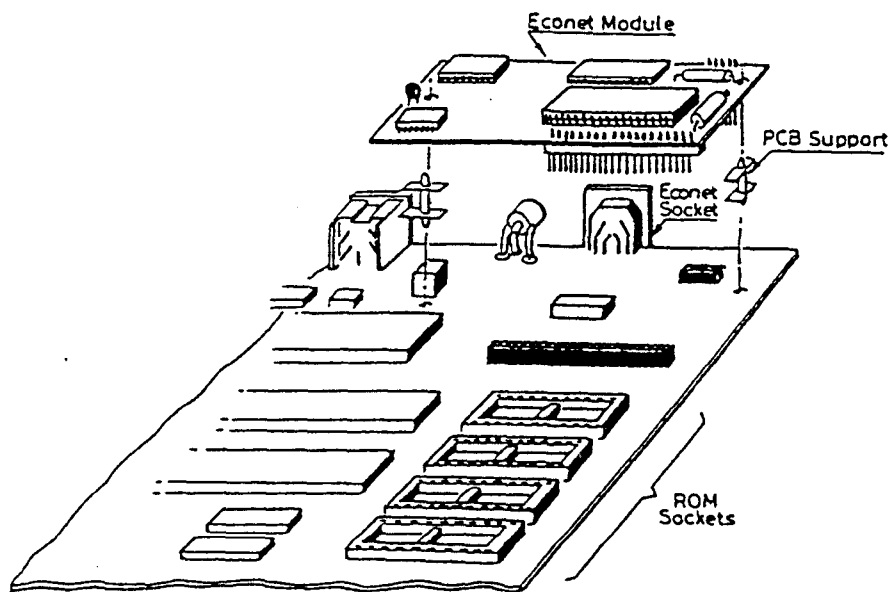
## Upgrading the Master 128

Before attempting to fit the Econet module to your machine first ensure that the unit is disconnected from the mains power supply. The upper half of the case must be removed from the unit to allow access to the main printed circuit board. To do this, turn the computer upside down and place it on a firm, flat surface; locate and remove the four fixing screws that hold the upper half of the case in place. These screws are located on the underside of the unit, two at the rear and two at the front of the machine, and are labelled **FIX**. Note that the two fixing screws fitted to the rear positions are longer than the front two.

When the screws have been removed, carefully turn the computer over again (whilst holding the two halves of the case together) and remove the upper half of the case by lifting it directly upwards from the machine.

Included in the Econet module upgrade kit are two plastic printed circuit board support posts. These must be fitted to the main printed circuit board before installing the Econet module.

The positions at which these posts are to be fitted are shown in **figure 2**. When fitting the PCB supports, ensure that the base flange does not interfere with any component on the PCB. To fit the support, insert one end into the hole in the PCB and press down gently.



**Figure 2**

When the support is correctly fitted, it will not be possible to withdraw it from the hole in the PCB. Care must therefore be taken to ensure the correct positioning of the PCB support before pressing it home.

When the PCB supports are installed on the main PCB, the Econet module should be placed in position ensuring that:

- 1 The pins of PL1 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in socket SK5 on the main PCB. The two WEST most holes of SK5, labelled 'A' and 'B', are not used.
- 2 The pins of PL2 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in socket SK6 on the main PCB.
- 3 The PCB supports are aligned with the corresponding holes on the Econet module PCB.

When you are satisfied that all the pins and supports are correctly aligned, the Econet module PCB may be pressed gently into place. The Econet module is correctly seated when the barbs on the tips of the PCB supports have cleared the surface of the Econet module PCB. An audible click should be heard when the barbs spring into place securing the PCB.

Take care not to exert too much pressure when pressing home the Econet module PCB, this may lead to damage of the various connectors.

### **Installing the ANFS**

Having fitted the Econet module, it is necessary to fit the Advanced Network Filing System (ANFS) ROM.

The ANFS ROM must be inserted into one of three sockets, IC27,37 or 41. It is recommended that socket IC27 should be used where possible. If it is not possible to use socket IC27 then one of the other two sockets may be used, but it will be necessary to change the position of a link on the main PCB (see **NOTE 1**).

To insert the ANFS ROM, hold the ends of the IC between thumb and forefinger, and line up all the pins over the destination socket. The pin one end of the IC should face to the WEST. If you are unsure of which way round the IC should be installed, refer to the other ICs on the main PCB which all face WEST.

Apply firm pressure to the IC, but do not force it. When the chip is in place it may appear to be slightly raised. Check that all the pins have entered the socket and that none are bent either outwards or under the body of the IC.

When the Econet module PCB and the ANFS ROM have been installed, the re-assembly procedure is the reverse of the dismantling procedure.

### **Setting the station number**

Before attempting to add a machine to an existing Econet, the station number must be set. The Network Manager should be asked to carry out this operation.

**NOTE 1:** Sockets IC37 and 41 share the same address space as four sideways RAM pages. The position of links LK18 and LK19 determine whether the address space is claimed by ROM or sideways RAM.

These two links are located close to the WEST side of ICs37 and 41, LK18 is used with IC41 and LK19 is used with IC37. These links consist of a three pin plug with a connector which may be push fitted onto two pins of the plug to make a connection. There are two possible positions for this connector:

**EAST** - the connector joins the central pin to the right hand pin (enables sideways ROM)

**WEST** - the connector joins the central pin to the left hand pin (enables sideways RAM)

The use of one of the sockets with a ROM will preclude the use of 32K (two 16K pages) of sideways RAM. If both IC37 and IC41 are used in conjunction with sideways ROMs, all four of the 16K sideways RAM pages will be unavailable.

If IC27 is already occupied and you need all four pages of sideways RAM, you will need to fit the ANFS ROM into an EPROM cartridge which can then be plugged into one of the cartridge sockets.

Further information about the use of sideways RAM/ROM may be obtained from *Part 1* of the *Master 128 Reference Manual*.

## Upgrading the Master Compact

Unplug all peripherals and remove the power lead from the computer.

Lay the computer face down on a flat surface and undo the four case fixing screws. Gently turn the computer over allowing the screws to fall free. Put them in a safe place until required again.

Lift the top case including keyboard away from the base of the computer - (taking care not to strain the ribbon cable) and lay it in front of the machine.

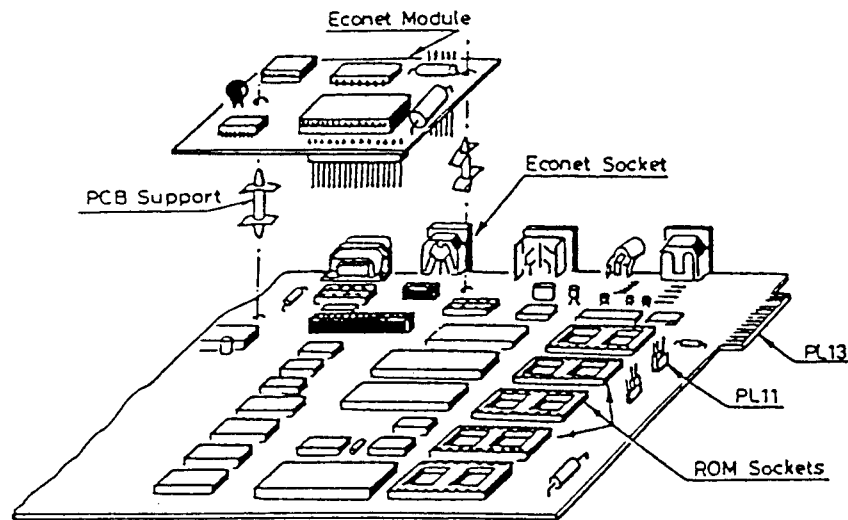
## Installing the Econet Module

Included in the Econet module upgrade kit are two plastic printed circuit board support posts. These must be fitted to the main printed circuit board before installing the Econet module.

The positions at which these posts are to be fitted are shown in **figure 3**. When fitting the PCB supports, ensure that the base flange does not interfere with any component on the PCB. To fit the support, insert one end into the hole in the PCB and press down gently.

When the support is correctly fitted, it will not be possible to withdraw it from the hole in the PCB. Care must therefore be taken to ensure the correct positioning of the PCB support before pressing it home.





**Figure 3**

When the PCB supports are installed on the main PCB, the Econet module should be placed in position ensuring that:

- 1 The pins of PL1 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in the socket SKT4 on the main PCB.
- 2 The pins of PL2 on the Econet module are aligned with the corresponding holes in SKT5 on the main PCB.
- 3 The PCB supports are aligned with the corresponding holes on the Econet module PCB.

When you are satisfied that all the pins and supports are correctly aligned, the Econet module PCB may be pressed gently into place. The Econet module is correctly seated when the barbs on the tips of the PCB supports have cleared the surface of the Econet module PCB. An audible click should be heard when the barbs spring into place securing the PCB.

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### **Installing the ANFS**

Having fitted the Econet module, it is necessary to fit the Advanced Network Filing System (ANFS) ROM.

The ANFS ROM should be inserted into one of three sockets, IC17, 23, or 29.

Although it may be inserted into socket IC38 if PL11 is made South (refer to **figure 3**) it must be noted that fitting ANFS in this way will disable selection of external ROMS via PL13.

To insert the ANFS ROM, hold the ends of the IC between thumb and forefinger, and line up all the pins over the destination socket. The pin one end of the IC should face to the WEST. If you are unsure of which way round the IC should be installed, refer to the other ICs on the main PCB which all face WEST.

Apply firm pressure to the IC, but do not force it. When the chip is in place it may appear to be slightly raised. Check that all the pins have entered the socket and that none are bent either outwards or under the body of the IC.

When the Econet module PCB and the ANFS ROM have been installed, the re-assembly procedure is the reverse of the dismantling procedure.

Your Master Compact is now ready to be connected to a network, see your Network Manager who will assign and set your station number.

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# PODULE INSTALLATION LEAFLET

## For use with the Archimedes High Performance Computer System

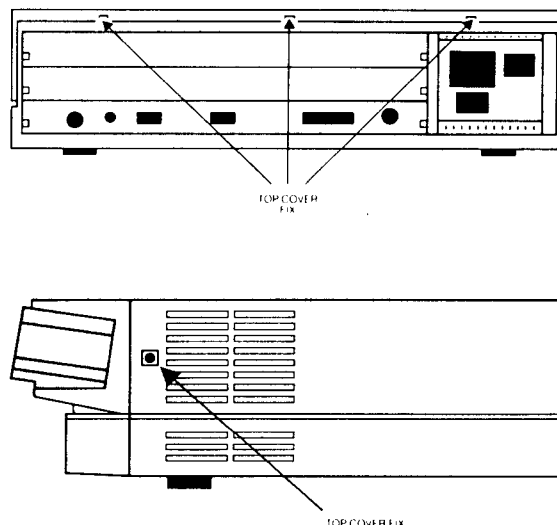
To install a Podule in the Archimedes you will require an adapter called a 'backplane'. The backplane is available separately and must be installed before you attempt to install the Podule. Full instructions for installing the backplane are supplied with it.

In order to fit the Podule you will have to remove the lid of the Archimedes and one of the blanking plates at the rear of the machine. The only tools you will require for this are a No. 1 and a No. 2 Posidriv screwdriver. If you do not feel confident about performing this operation, you can take the computer and the Podule to your dealer.

## DISASSEMBLY

First, disconnect the Archimedes from the mains by unplugging the power supply cable. Then, remove any peripherals that are attached and clear the Archimedes completely, ie remove any monitor from the top of the Archimedes and any other loose items.

Locate the screws holding the top case in place (see figure 1). First, remove the three screws at the top rear of the unit. Then remove the single screw on each side of the unit.



The position of the screws holding the top case.  
Figure 1

Once you have removed the three rear screws and the two side screws, slide the top cover to the rear of the machine and then slide it off. You should remove the top cover completely.

Check that the backplane is fitted to the Archimedes. The backplane consists of a small printed circuit board mounted vertically on the main PCB. If the backplane is not fitted, then you will have to purchase one and install it, according to the instructions which are supplied with the backplane, before you can continue with the installation of the Podule.

On the Archimedes 300 series, the optional backplane has two Podule slots capable of holding up to two single width or two double width Podules. On the Archimedes 400 series, the backplane (fitted as standard) can hold up to four single width or two double width Podules.

If the backplane is fitted, but has no free Podule slot, you will have to remove one of the Podules in order to install the new one.

The backplane has an upper and lower Podule slot(s). These correspond to the two full-width blanking plates fitted to the unexpanded machine. Each blanking plate is held in place by screws, one at each end. Choose one of the Podule slots and remove the corresponding blanking plate by unscrewing the two screws holding the plate in position.

You can now fit the Podule.

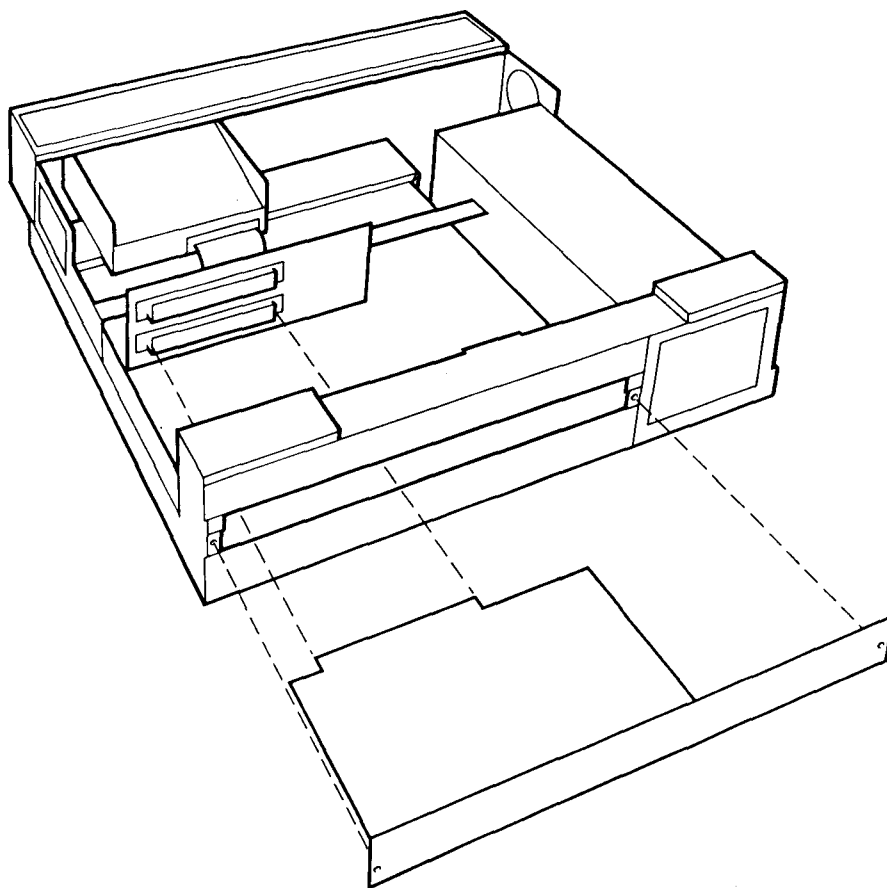
## **FITTING THE PODULE**

Before fitting the Podule, examine it to see whether it is a full-width or a half-width Podule.

A full-width Podule has a plate at the rear which extends the full width of the Archimedes. If the plate on the rear of your Podule does not extend the full width of the machine then you are supplied with a blanking plate along with a T-piece and two screws. Use these to make the Podule up to full width of the machine.

Once you have made the backplate of the Podule up to the correct width, you can install it in the Archimedes.

Figure 2 shows where the Podule locates on the Archimedes.



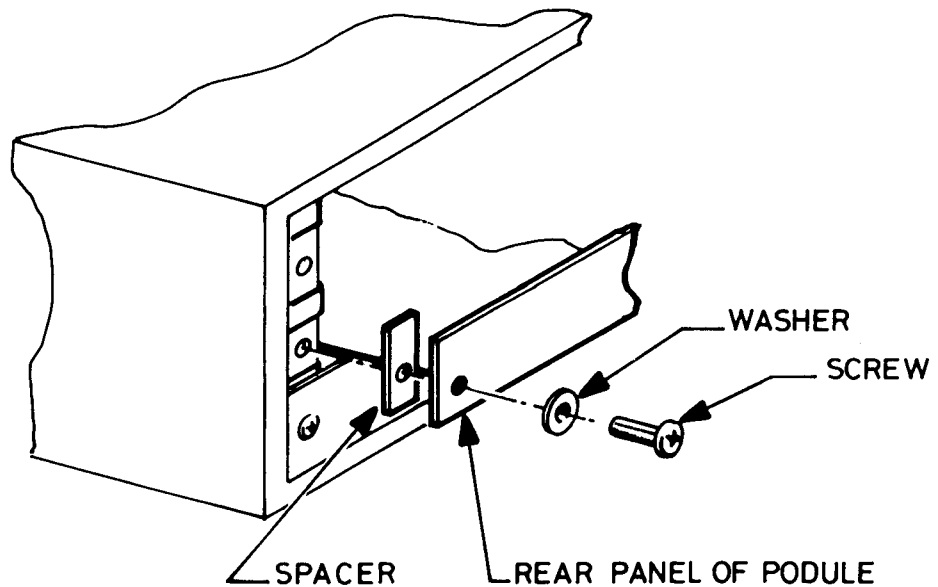
**Locating points of BBC I/O Podule on Archimedes**  
**Figure 2**

Support the backplane firmly with one hand and push the connector on the Podule into one of the sockets on the backplane. The connector should be securely seated, ie the rear plate of the Podule should be flush with the rear of the Archimedes case. It is important that you offer the Podule up to the backplane at right-angles to it and that you align the connectors, otherwise, you may bend the pins or break or disconnect the backplane itself. It does not require great force to install the Podule correctly. If the Podule will not seat easily, remove the Podule and start again.

When you have fitted a backplane and Podule to your Archimedes, you should find that the backplane is vertical, assuming that the Podule is fully inserted and screwed to the rear of the Archimedes.

For some combinations of machines and Podules, however, the top of the backplane may appear to 'lean' towards the front of the machine.

If this is the case, you must insert the two spacers found in this package. Each spacer should be inserted between the internal face of the Podule backplate and the metal clips on the rear plastic moulding of the machine, so that the fixing screws pass through both the backplate and the spacers (see figure 3). This should result in the external face of the Podule backplate panel being flush with the rear of the machine plastic.



**Figure 3**

When you have done this, you may find that you need to 'straighten' the backplane, to ensure that the connectors are correctly mated. To do this, take the following steps:

- 1 Slacken off the two screws fixing the backplane support metalwork to the base metalwork and power supply.
- 2 Holding the Podule stationary, ease the backplane back towards a vertical position until the faces of the interlocking connectors on the Podule and backplane are touching.
- 3 Re-tighten the two screws slackened earlier.

If you do not require to fit the two spacers, simply secure the Podule to the rear of the Archimedes case by inserting a screw at each end of the Podule backplate.

## **REASSEMBLY**

Once the Podule is correctly installed, slide the top case of the Archimedes on from the rear.

Replace the three screws at the rear of the unit and tighten them up. See figure 1.

Finally replace the two screws, one on each side of the case. See figure 1.



High Performance Computer Systems  
Model 305 0.5 Mbyte RAM Upgrade Kit  
AKA 51  
Fitting Instructions

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## 1. Introduction

This document details the installation of an additional 0.5 Mbyte of RAM in an Archimedes model 305, thereby upgrading it to a model 310.

The kit includes all the components needed to complete the installation in model 305 machines.

**IMPORTANT:** Any machine configurations currently stored in the CMOS RAM may be lost during this upgrade. Refer to the Archimedes Service Manual, section "Test Instructions" for details of how to save and re-install machine configuration before starting the upgrade.

## 2. Upgrade Kit List

Item	Part No.	Description	Qty
1	0704,105	IC 4464 DRAM	16
2	0276,071	Label, 310 (Hard disc)	1
3	0276,315	Label, 310	1

### 3. Fitting the Upgrade

#### WARNING

TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS REGARDING STATIC ELECTRICITY AND EARTHING  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH B.S. 5783.

1. Disconnect the computer from the mains supply and all peripherals, including the keyboard.
2. Place the unit, with the rear panel facing you, on a worksurface with a clean, soft covering.
3. Remove the top cover as follows (see fig. 1):

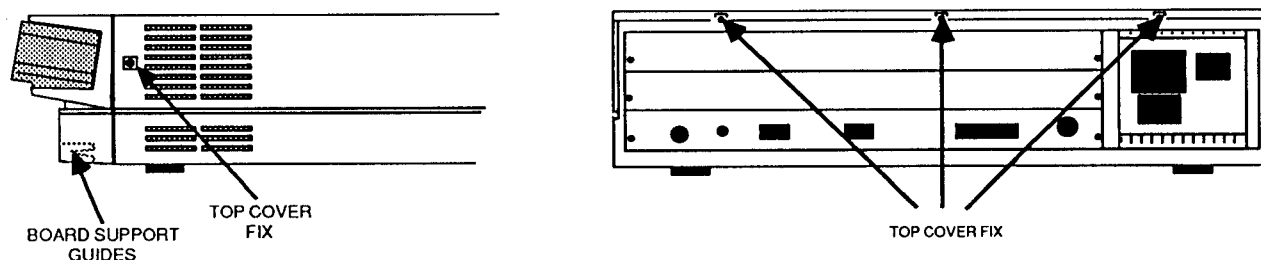


FIG. 1 REMOVING THE TOP COVER

Remove the two screws in the sides of the top cover, immediately behind the front moulding.

Remove the three screws along the top of the rear panel and remove the top cover by sliding it off from the rear of the unit.

4. Unplug the following cables from the main board (see fig. 2):
  - a. Speaker/LED connector PL9.
  - b. Battery connector PL11.
  - c. Fan connector PL12 (if fitted).
  - d. Four power tags - PL5 (yellow, +12V), PL6 (black, 0V), PL7 (red, +5V), PL8 (mauve, -5V).
5. Unplug the floppy disc drive data cable from SK11 on the main board. If a hard disc drive is fitted, unplug the 34-way (PL3) and 20-way (PL4) ribbon connectors from the Hard Disc Podule.

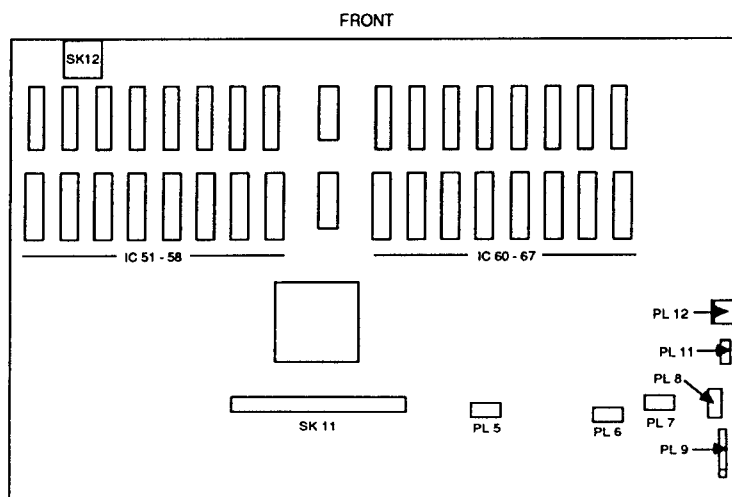


FIG. 2 MAIN BOARD



7. Unplug and remove the Podule backplane (if fitted) - see the relevant upgrade instructions.
8. Stand the unit on one side and remove the two screws and star washers from the underside securing the rear bus bars (see fig. 3).

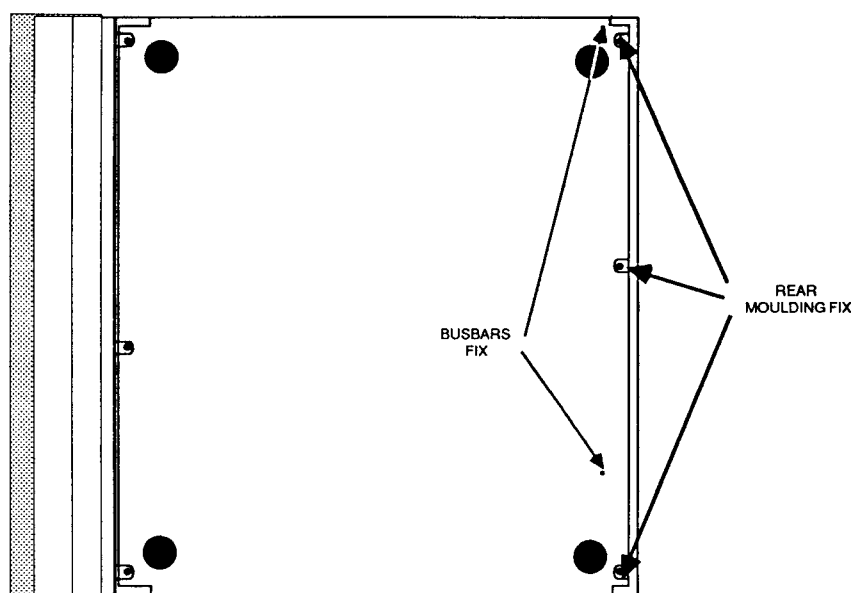


FIG. 3 UNDERSIDE VIEW

9. Remove the 3 screws from the underside securing the rear moulding.
10. Stand the unit back on its feet and begin to withdraw the rear moulding, with the main board attached, out of the case. Support the front edge of the main board as soon as it is accessible.
11. Place the board/rear moulding assembly on the worksurface. Some boards have support pillar(s) attached to the underside. To avoid flexing of the board, ensure that the front half is supported by a pad of anti-static material of suitable thickness (approx. 8 mm) to match the height of the support pillar(s).
12. Insert the 16 RAM ICs into the two banks of 8 sockets IC51 - 58 and IC60 - 67 on the main board with the notches (for pin 1) in the ICs facing the rear panel. Ensure that all the pins have entered the sockets and that none are splayed out or bent underneath (see fig. 4).

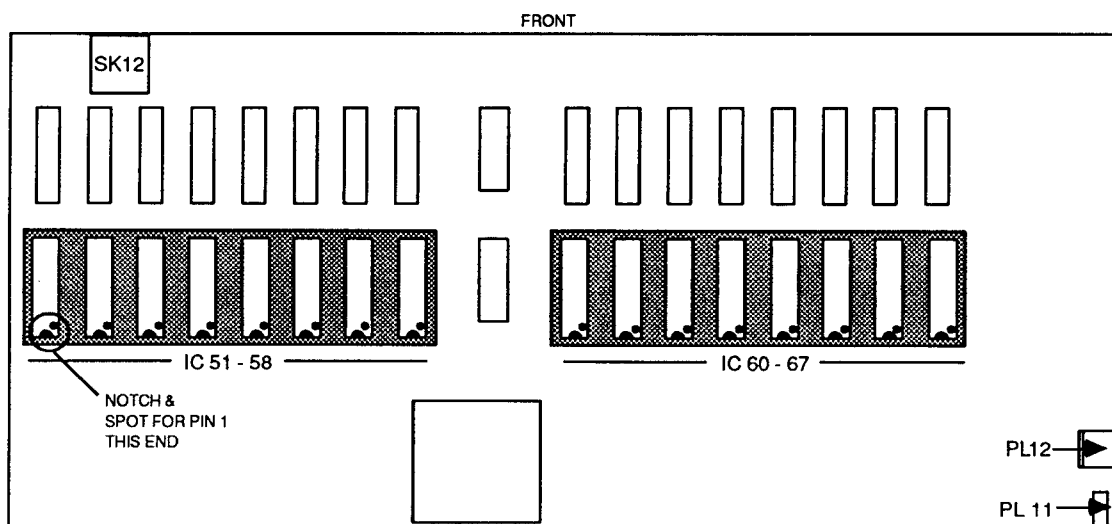


FIG. 4 RAM UPGRADE IC SOCKETS

13. Visually check that all is well, then carefully refit the board/ rear panel assembly back into the unit and observe that:
  - a. The leads from the LED/ speaker and batteries are not trapped by the board and that all other cables are held clear.
  - b. The board engages with the support guides on the lower inside edge of the front moulding (see fig. 1) and the two guides at the side of the base metalwork (if fitted).
14. Reconnect the cables and connectors as detailed in sections 4 and 5 above. If a hard disc drive is fitted, do not refit the Podule(s) and backplane yet.
15. Visually check that all is well, then connect the unit to the mains supply and peripherals. Power up and, following the "[R] Power-up" instructions, test the unit as detailed in the Archimedes Service Manual, section "Test Instructions".
16. Refit and connect the Podule backplane and Podules, if fitted. Refit the top cover.
17. Using a scalpel blade or similar, carefully lift one edge of the model 305 label on the front moulding and remove the label. Affix the appropriate 310 label in its place.
18. Note: It is recommended that any Podules which have been removed and re-fitted are tested for correct operation. See the Archimedes Service Manual, section "Test Instructions".

# SECOND FLOPPY DISC DRIVE INSTALLATION LEAFLET

## FOR USE WITH ARCHIMEDES PERSONAL WORKSTATIONS

These instructions detail how to install a second floppy disc drive upgrade in an Archimedes computer system.

In order to fit the upgrade, you will have to remove the lid of the computer unit. The only tools you will require are a No. 1 Pozidriv screwdriver and a small flat-bladed 'electrical' screwdriver.

Please read through the following instructions carefully before you start. If you do not feel confident about carrying out this installation, take this upgrade and your Archimedes computer unit to your supplier who will fit it for you. A charge may be levied by the supplier for installing the upgrade; such a charge shall be entirely at the discretion of the supplier concerned.

Please take care whilst fitting this upgrade – the disc drive unit and cable assembly are delicate. Any damage caused whilst fitting this upgrade is unlikely to be covered by the guarantee.

### PARTS LIST

In the upgrade package you should have:

- One 3.5" Disc Drive
- One dual disc drive cable assembly
- One drive bracket
- One dual disc drive sub-moulding assembly
- Model number labels for the front panel
- Six M3 x 6 mm Pan Head Pozidriv screws

### DISASSEMBLY

1. Switch off the computer at the rear and disconnect it from the main supply by unplugging the power supply cable. Then, remove any peripherals that are attached and clear the computer completely, ie remove any monitor from the top of the unit and any other loose items.
2. Locate the screws holding the top case in place (see Fig. 1 below). Remove the three screws at the top rear of the unit, then remove the single screw on each side of the unit.

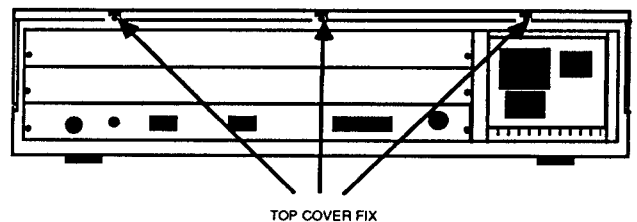
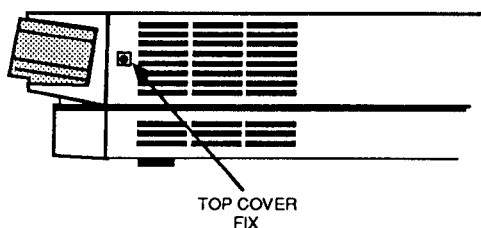


Fig. 1: The position of the screws holding the top case.

3. Once you have removed the three rear screws and the two side screws, slide the lid of the unit to the rear of the machine and then slide it off. You should remove the lid completely.

## FITTING THE UPGRADE

The second floppy disc drive (drive 1) fits alongside the original drive (drive 0) on the disc drive support bracket, as follows:

1. Remove the two screws securing the front moulding assembly at each side. Stand the unit on one side and remove the three screws securing the front moulding assembly to the base metalwork (see Fig. 2).
2. Stand the unit back on its feet and unplug the LED/speaker connector PL9 from the main board (see Fig. 4). Grasp the front moulding assembly at each end and use a straight, steady pull to withdraw it from the front of the unit.

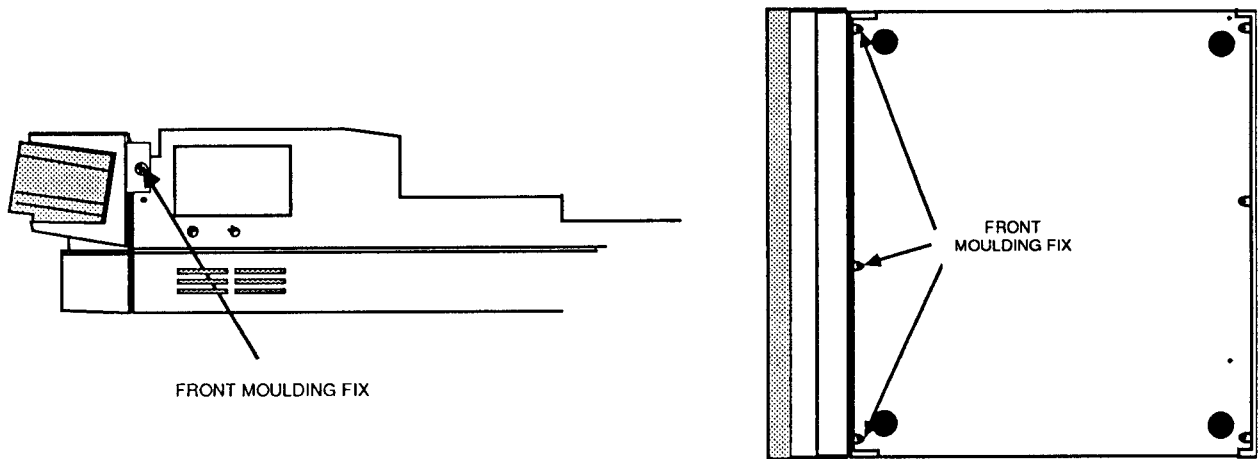


Fig. 2 – Removing the front moulding assembly

3. Unplug and remove the ribbon-type data cable which connects between connector SK11 on the main printed circuit board and the connector on the rear of the original disc drive 0. Connect the centre connector on the new dual drive cable assembly to drive 0 and the end connector to SK11 (see Fig. 3).
4. The new disc drive comes with a front fascia panel attached. This fascia is fitted to protect the unit in transit and is not required when the drive is installed in an Archimedes system. The fascia is held in position by two clips, one on each side of the drive. These may be levered carefully out of position using a small screwdriver and the fascia removed. Take care not to dislodge the drive eject button while removing the fascia.
5. Before fitting the new drive, it must be configured as drive 1. To do this, set the small slide switch on the side of the drive to position "1" (see Fig. 3).

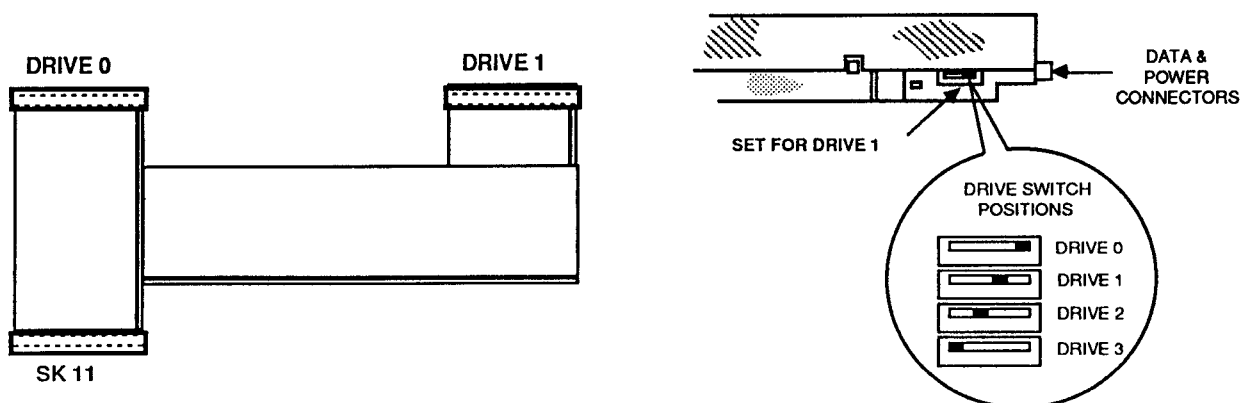


Fig. 3 – Dual drive data cable details & configuring the new drive as drive 1

6. Assemble the drive to the drive bracket with 4 of the M3 x 6mm screws supplied, using the original drive 0 assembly as a guide to orientation.
7. Assemble the drive bracket to the disc drive support bracket with 2 of the M3 x 6mm screws supplied.

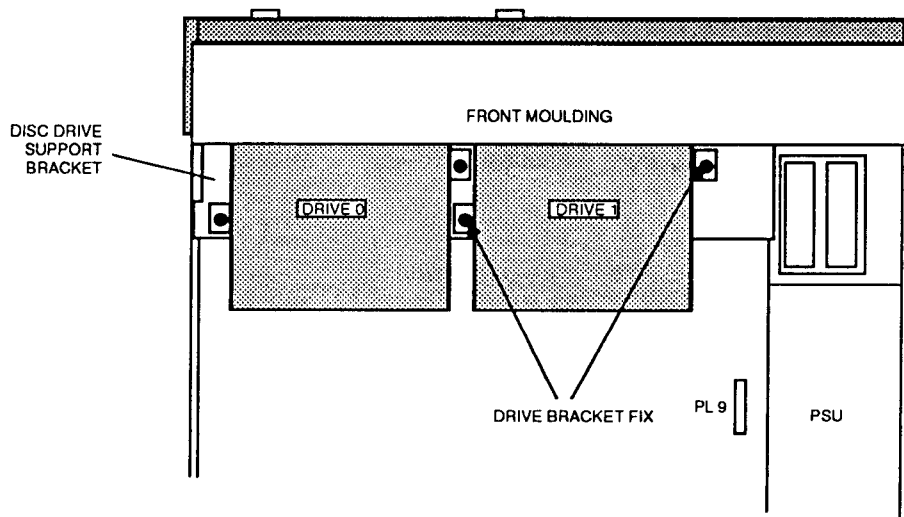


Fig. 4 – Installing the new Drive 1

8. Connect the centre connector on the disc drive power cable and the end connector on the disc drive data cable to the new drive.
9. Taking the front moulding assembly, locate and remove the two self-tapping screws at each end inside the main moulding and slide the sub-moulding away from the main moulding (see Fig. 5).

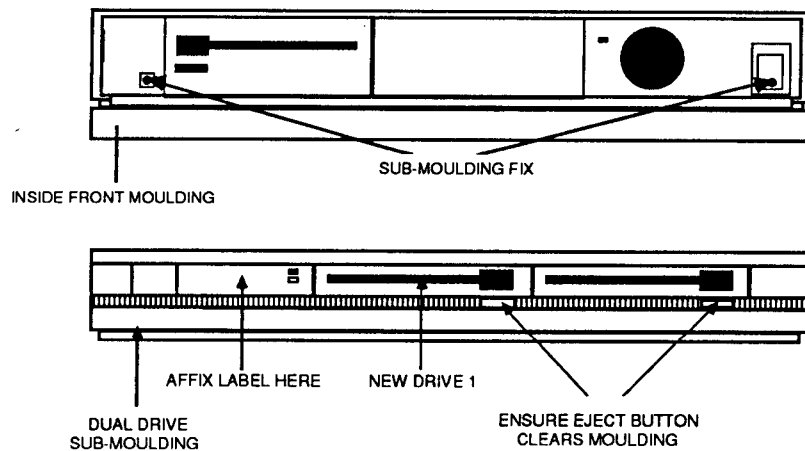


Fig. 5 – Front moulding assembly details

10. The leads from the speaker in the main moulding and the LED in the sub-moulding share the same connector. The new dual-drive sub-moulding has an LED already fitted to it. You will need to remove the existing leads from the connector and replace them with those from the new LED, as follows:

11. Using a small electrical screwdriver or similar, depress the barbs on the LED wire contacts in the LED/speaker connector (red and black wires) and withdraw the contacts from the connector, noting the polarity of the LED wires (see Fig. 6, steps 1 and 2). Place the old front sub-moulding to one side.

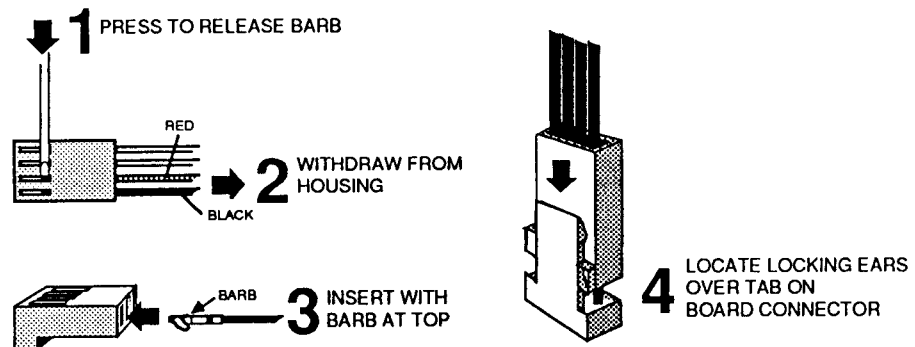


Fig.6 – Removing/inserting LED wires in LED/speaker connector

12. Offer up the new dual drive sub-moulding to the main moulding, passing the LED wires through the drive 1 aperture. Ensure that the top edge of the sub-moulding fits into the slot between the rib and the top edge of the main moulding, then secure the sub-moulding using the two self-tapping screws previously removed.
13. Insert the LED wire contacts into the LED/speaker connector so that the barbs on the contacts engage in the slots in the connector housing (see Fig. 6, step 3). Observe correct polarity - make sure that the red and black wires are the correct way round, as shown in Fig. 6, step 2.
14. Insert a disc into both drives, then offer up the front moulding assembly to the main unit, ensuring that the LED/speaker cables pass over the top of the new drive 1. The discs will aid alignment of the disc eject buttons in the apertures in the front moulding.
15. Insert the front moulding assembly fixing screws and fully tighten them. Check that both drives will accept and reject discs, that the eject buttons do not bind on the moulding and that an inserted disc clears the front moulding.
16. Provided that its position has not been disturbed, the original drive 0 should align correctly; if necessary, loosen the new drive 1 bracket fixing screws and adjust carefully for correct alignment. Tighten both disc drive 1 bracket fixing screws.
17. Plug the LED/speaker connector to PL9 on the main board, ensuring that the locking ears on the connector locate either side of the locking tab on the board-mounted connector (see Fig. 6, step 4).
18. Visually check that all is well, then refit the top cover and tighten all fixing screws.
19. Carefully fix the appropriate model label to the new front sub-moulding.
20. Reconnect the keyboard, monitor and peripherals to the computer unit. Reconnect the system to the mains supply and switch on. QUIT the desktop (if necessary), then enter:

\*CONFIGURE FLOPPIES 2

Refer to the User Guide for further guidance.



# High Performance Computer Systems

## Hard Disc Drive Upgrade Kit

### Fitting Instructions

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## 1. Introduction

This document details the installation of a hard disc drive in an Archimedes 305, 310 or 410 computer system. The appropriate kit includes all the components needed to complete the installation.

## 2. Upgrade Kit List

Items common to models 305, 310 and 410:

Item	Part No.	Description	Qty
1	0176,244/T	3.5" Hard Disc Drive	1
2	0277,014	Hard Disc Drive Bracket	1
3	0882,121	Screw, M3 x 6mm Pan Hd. Pozi	2
4	0882,142	Screw, 6-32 UNC x 1/4" Pozi	4

Plus -

For models 305 and 310 only:

5	0176,241/A	34-way Ribbon Cable Assy. Long	1
6	0176,242/A	20-way Ribbon Cable Assy. Long	1
7	0176,243/A	LED Assembly	1
8	0276,035	Single Blanking Panel	1
9	0882,111	Screw, M2.5 x 6mm	2
10	0276,036	T' piece	1
11	0176,240	Hard Disc Podule Assy.	1
12	0476,240	Instructions for Use	1
13	0276,070	Front Label, 305H	1
14	0276,071	Front Label, 310H	1

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Or -

For model 410 only:

15	0177,002/A	34-way Ribbon Cable Assy. Short	1
16	0177,003/A	20-way Ribbon Cable Assy. Short	1
17	0277,070	Front Label, 410H	1
18	0277,315	Front Label, 440H	1

### 3. Fitting the Upgrade

#### WARNING

TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS REGARDING STATIC ELECTRICITY AND EARTHING IN ACCORDANCE WITH B.S. 5783

1. Disconnect the computer from the mains supply and all peripherals, including the keyboard.
2. Place the unit, with the rear panel facing you, on a worksurface with a clean, soft covering.
3. Remove the top cover as follows (see fig. 1):

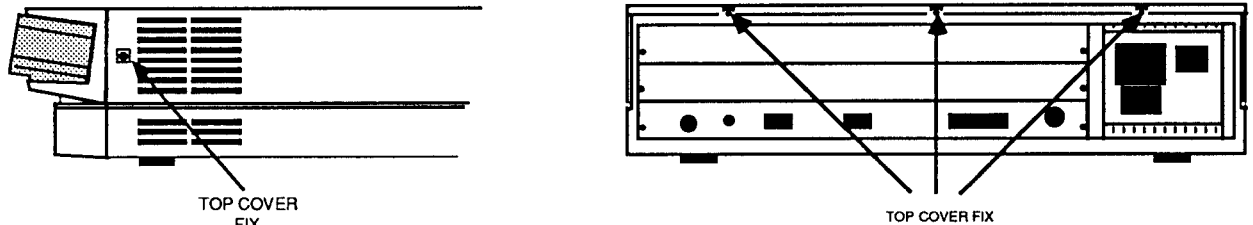


FIG. 1 REMOVING TOP COVER

Remove the two screws in the sides of the top cover, immediately behind the front moulding.

Remove the three screws along the top of the rear panel and remove the top cover by sliding it off from the rear of the unit.

#### Models 305 and 310:

4. Remove the two screws securing the front moulding assembly at each side. Stand the unit on one side and remove the three screws securing the front moulding assembly to the base metalwork (see fig. 2).
5. Stand the unit back on its feet and unplug the LED/speaker connector PL9 from the main board (see fig. 4). Grasp the front moulding assembly at each end and use a straight, steady pull to withdraw it from the front of the unit.
6. If one is not already fitted, fit a Podule backplane as per the instructions supplied with the Backplane Upgrade Kit but ignore the instruction on page 5 to re-tie any power cables to the PSU.
7. Fit the Hard Disc Podule as per the installation leaflet supplied with the Podule Kit, ignoring the final section 'REASSEMBLY'.

#### Model 410:

4. The hard disc drive power cable is tie-wrapped to the side of the power supply unit. Cut and remove the tie-wrap and free the cable.
5. Remove the two backplane mounting screws, unplug the backplane and rest it on top of the power supply unit. There is no need to disconnect the power leads.
6. No further mechanical disassembly is required - proceed to step 8.

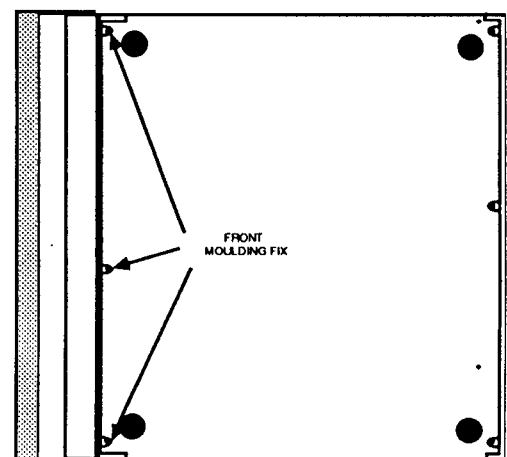
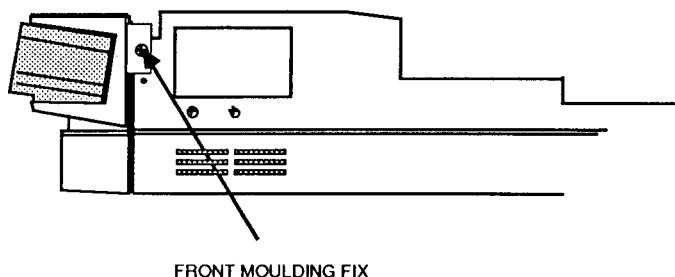
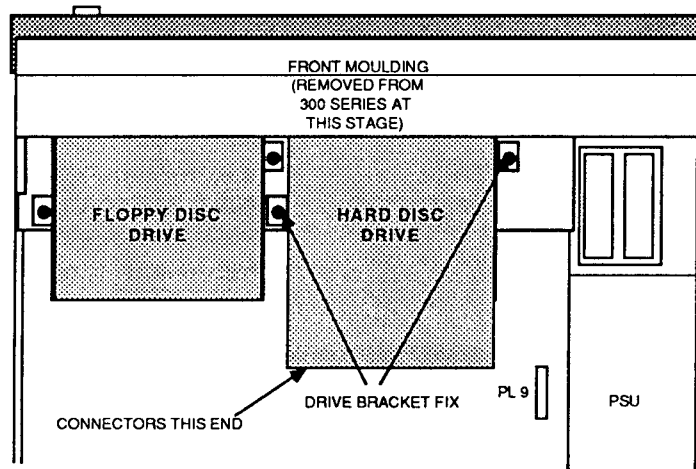


FIG. 2 REMOVING FRONT MOULDING ASSEMBLY



**THE HARD DISC DRIVE IS FRAGILE.  
DO NOT DROP, JOLT OR SUBJECT IT TO EXCESSIVE VIBRATION.  
ALWAYS HANDLE THE DRIVE WITH CARE DURING INSTALLATION.**

8. Assemble the hard disc drive to the drive bracket (if this is not already done) with 4 off 6-32 UNC x 1/4" screws supplied. Ensure that the drive is orientated such that the PCB is at the bottom, with the connectors facing towards the rear of the main unit (see fig. 4).
9. Assemble the drive bracket to the disc drive support 'saddle', with 2 off M3 x 6mm screws supplied.



**FIG. 4 HARD DISC DRIVE INSTALLATION**

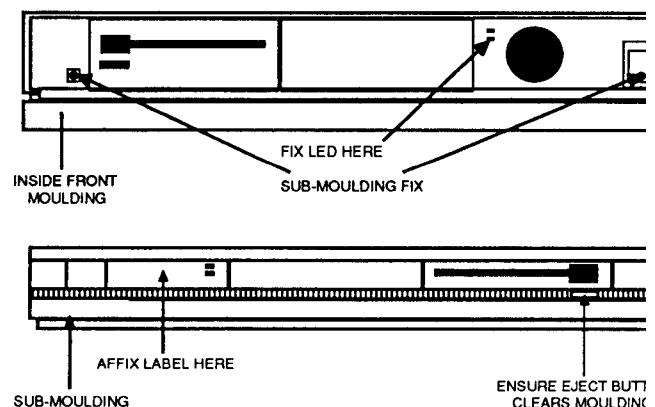
**Model 305 and 310:**

10. Taking the front moulding assembly, locate and remove the two self-tapping screws at each end inside the main moulding and slide the sub-moulding away from the main moulding (see fig. 5).
11. Insert the new LED into the 'spare' aperture in the front sub-moulding, immediately below the Power On LED. Fix the LED into place using a small blob of silicone rubber adhesive\*.
12. Offer up the sub-moulding, with the new LED fitted, to the main moulding, passing the LED wires through the "Drive 1" aperture. Ensure that the top edge of the sub-moulding fits into the slot between the rib and the top edge of the main moulding, then secure the sub-moulding using the two self-tapping screws previously removed.
13. Insert a disc into the floppy drive, then offer up the front moulding assembly to the main unit, ensuring that the LED/speaker cables pass over the top of the hard disc drive. The disc will aid alignment of the floppy disc eject button in the aperture in the front moulding.
14. Insert the front moulding assembly fixing screws and fully tighten them. Check that the floppy drive will accept and reject discs, that the eject button does not bind on the moulding, and that inserted discs clear the front moulding.

Provided that its position has not been disturbed, the floppy drive should align correctly.

**Model 410:**

10. The hard disc drive front panel LED is already fitted to this model. Proceed to step 16.



**FIG. 5 FRONT MOULDING ASSEMBLY DETAIL**

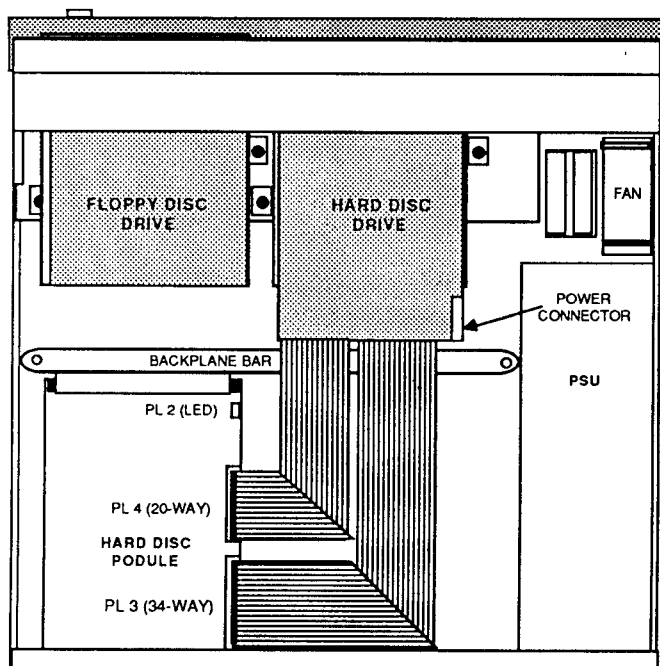
15. Connect the hard disc drive LED connector to PL2 (adjacent to the 64-way connector) on the Hard Disc Podule, ensuring that the locking ears on the connector locate either side of the locking tab on the board-mounted connector.
16. Connect the hard disc drive power cable, coming from the PSU, to the power connector on the hard disc drive (see fig. 6). Note: Some hard disc drives may have a power connector on a short flying lead.
17. Connect the 34-way and 20-way ribbon cable assemblies as follows:

#### Model 305 and 310:

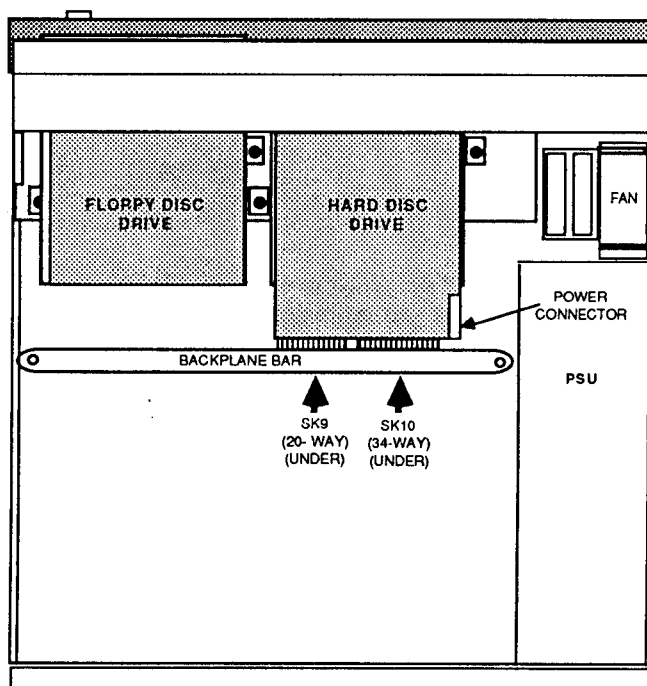
Connect the LONG 34-way cable between PL3 on the Hard Disc Podule and the 34-way connector on the rear of the drive; the LONG 20-way cable connects between PL4 on the Podule and the corresponding connector on the drive. Route the cables as indicated below in figure 6.

#### Model 410:

Connect the SHORT 34-way cable between the 34-way connector on the rear of the hard drive and SK10 on the main PCB - immediately below it. The 20-way SHORT cable connects in the same way between SK9 and the corresponding connector on the drive. Refit the backplane.



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FIG. 6 CONNECTIONS

18. Tighten both hard disc drive bracket fixing screws.
19. Visually check that all is well, then connect the unit to the mains supply and peripherals. Power up and format and verify the hard disc drive as detailed in the Archimedes Service Manual section "Test Instructions".
20. Disconnect from the mains supply and peripherals, then refit the top cover and tighten all fixing screws.
21. Connect the unit to the mains supply and peripherals. Power up and carry out the "Soak Test" as detailed in the Archimedes Service Manual section "Test Instructions".
22. Using a scalpel or similar, carefully lift one edge of the model label on the front moulding and remove the label. Affix the appropriate label in its place.

#### IMPORTANT

HANDLE THE COMPUTER WITH CARE WHEN THE HARD DISC DRIVE HAS BEEN INSTALLED.  
AVOID JOLTING, BANGING OR DROPPING THE UNIT.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Always park the hard disc drive heads before switching off the unit, as described under **Care and Handling of the Hard Disc** in the Archimedes Hard Disc Upgrade instructions for use, part number 0476,240.
2. Ensure that the Archimedes is supplied by, and returned to, the customer in appropriate packing.
3. Remember to return the Archimedes Hard Disc Upgrade instructions for use, part number 0476,240 to the customer with the upgraded unit.

### \* Silicone rubber adhesive.

An air-curing one-part silicone rubber adhesive, formulated for use inside electronic equipment, must be used on this equipment.

Suitable types are: Dow Corning Silastic 738 RTV, or  
General Electric RTV 162 (available from RS Components)

Before using this adhesive, the manufacturer's data sheet should be consulted in relation to flammability and Health and Safety at Work notes. Apply only in a well-ventilated area.

# ARCHIMEDES HARD DISC UPGRADE

This leaflet provides information on the following:

- installing the upgrade
- using the hard disc
- care and handling of the hard disc
- formatting the hard disc

## INSTALLING THE HARD DISC UPGRADE

This hard disc upgrade is intended to be fitted by an Acorn Computers' authorised dealer who will install, format and test the hard disc unit. In order to use hard discs on the Archimedes 300 series, it is also necessary to have a Hard Disc Podule installed. This Podule should also be fitted and tested by an Acorn Computers' authorised dealer. On the Archimedes 400 series, the hard disc interface circuitry is integral and hence a Hard Disc Podule is not required.

**The hard disc upgrade installer should give this leaflet to the user when returning the upgraded Archimedes.**

## USING THE HARD DISC

The hard disc installed in the Archimedes gives you access to approximately 20 Mb of filing space on which to store programs and data. The hard disc is similar in use to a floppy disc except that the hard disc is permanently 'present' whenever the Archimedes is switched on. The Advanced Disc Filing System (ADFS) provides facilities for the storage and retrieval of data on both the floppy disc and hard disc systems installed in the Archimedes.

It may be necessary to change the configuration of the Archimedes to allow access to the hard disc. The following configuration options may need to be set:

`*CONFIGURE HardDisks 1`

causes the machine to expect one hard disc drive on initialisation

`*CONFIGURE Drive 4`

causes the machine to select drive 4 by default, ie the internal hard disc drive

`*CONFIGURE FileSystem 8`

or

`*CONFIGURE FileSystem ADFS` (for Arthur 1.2 onward)

selects the ADFS to be the default filing system on initialisation

The hard disc is represented on the desktop by a hard disc icon. This icon will appear at the bottom left of the main desktop screen (next to the floppy disc icon) once the hard disc drive is fitted and the Archimedes is configured to recognise its presence. The contents of the hard disc can be viewed and manipulated from the desktop in the same way as for a floppy disc.

Further information on the use of discs and the ADFS can be found in the *Welcome Guide*, the *ADFSDemo* tutorial program in the *Welcome Suite* and in the *User Guide*, chapter *Filing Systems*.

It is possible for hard discs to develop 'defects' during normal use. In this context, a defect is a very small area of the hard disc surface which is no longer able to store data reliably. This type of defect is not unusual in hard disc systems and is not normally symptomatic of a failure in the equipment. It is however important that the ADFS, which organises where data is stored on the disc, is 'told' where these defects are located in order that it can avoid using these areas for future data storage. Such defects may be first noticed as 'Disc errors' during normal use of the hard disc.

There is currently only one way of informing the ADFS of the location of these defects and this requires that the hard disc be reformatted. During the verification process that always follows reformatting, all disc surfaces are checked for their ability to store data accurately. If any areas are found to be unreliable, then the locations of these areas are added to a 'map' of defects which is then stored on the hard disc itself. The ADFS can then consult this 'map' to determine where the defects on the hard disc are located and hence where not to store data.

It may be necessary therefore to occasionally reformat the hard disc. The method of formatting the hard disc is different to that for a floppy disc. For details, see the section on *Formatting the hard disc* later in this leaflet.

## CARE AND HANDLING OF THE HARD DISC

The hard disc unit is a delicate mechanism and requires careful handling. When the hard disc is in operation, the magnetic read/write heads are located very close to the surfaces of the rotating discs within the drive unit. As the gap between the read/write heads and the disc surfaces is extremely small, it is possible that if the Archimedes were jolted, the heads could momentarily touch the disc surface. This could cause damage to areas of the disc coating where the data is stored or under more extreme conditions actually damage the heads themselves. It is thus possible that moving the Archimedes while the hard disc is in operation could cause corruption of data on the disc or even irreparable damage to the disc unit.

When the Archimedes is switched off, and particularly when it is to be transported, the hard disc can be made much more immune to the adverse effects of movement by 'parking' the drive heads. Parking the drive heads involves moving them to a special area of the disc surface where no data is stored and where contact between the heads and the stationary surface of the disc will do no harm. In order to park the drive heads, enter the following commands:

\*ADFS ☐

\*BYE ☐

when the screen prompt reappears, the drive heads will be parked.

If you are in desktop, proceed as follows:

- position the pointer on the hard disc icon which appears at the bottom left of the desktop screen
- click the **menu** button of the mouse on the hard disc icon and a window containing the word **bye** will appear

- position the pointer on the word bye, click select and the drive heads will be parked.

It is good practice to park the drive heads everytime you switch the Archimedes off. If you intend to move the Archimedes then always transport it in its original packaging and take care not to subject it to undue bumping and jarring.

With careful handling, the hard disc drive installed in your Archimedes will operate reliably over a long period. If a failure of some sort should occur, which corrupts the data on the hard disc, it may be very difficult or even impossible to recover that data. The data on your hard disc may represent many hours of work and it is vital therefore to keep up-to-date backup copies of important data. Data may be copied onto floppy discs and these floppy discs then labelled, and stored in a separate location to your Archimedes. For advice on copying files from the hard disc to floppy discs, see the *Welcome Guide* (copying using the desktop) and the *User Guide* (copying using \*COPY). Alternatively, ask your supplier for information on backup systems which enable you to copy the entire contents of your hard disc onto a removeable media.

## FORMATTING THE HARD DISC

When your Archimedes is returned following the hard disc upgrade, the hard disc should be formatted and ready for use. The hard disc formatting utility, a BASIC program called WFORM, will be supplied on the hard disc in the Library directory. It is recommended that you copy WFORM onto a floppy disc for possible future use.

**WARNING:** reformatting your hard disc will destroy all data stored on the disc. It is essential that data which you wish to keep is copied to another media, eg floppy disc, before the disc is reformatted.

In order to reformat your hard disc, load and run the WFORM program from either the hard disc or from your backup copy on floppy disc. WFORM can be accessed from either the desktop (double-click select on WFORM) or from BASIC (CHAIN "WFORM").

WFORM will prompt you for various parameter values as follows:

**NOTE:** default values for the parameters are given when you run WFORM. These default values are appropriate for the hard disc supplied as standard by Acorn with the hard disc upgrade, ie the TANDON model TM362.

Press ☐ to confirm each value.

1 Format which drive (4 or 5)? 4 ☐

4 is the value for the internally fitted hard disc drive

5 is the value for an external (second) hard disc drive (if fitted)

2 Sectors per track? 32 ☐

3 Heads? 4 ☐

maximum value = 8

4 Cylinders? 615 ☐

5 Low current cylinder? 1023 ☐

6 Precompensation cylinder? 1023 ☐

7 Parking cylinder? 663 ☐

WFORM will now list the current defects (if any) in the defect list and invites you to change the list. You may wish to add a new defect because the ADFS has previously returned an error message, such as:

Disc error 10 at :4/00831E00

You can use this logical address directly in WFORM by selecting option C.

**NOTE:**if you are adding more than one defect by logical address, you must add them in descending order of magnitude. You must also complete the entry of any or all logical address defects before adding any defect by (physical) cylinder, head and sector address, ie by option B.

Option B is normally only used to establish an initial defect list on a brand new, previously unformatted disc. It is also necessary to use option B to re-establish the defect list in the unlikely event that it has been corrupted, eg due to a power failure during a previous format operation. Under these circumstances, it would be necessary to remove the top cover of the Archimedes to gain access to the written defect list stuck to the body of the hard disc drive. The defect information can then be typed into WFORM via option B. (See the *Welcome Guide* section *How to change the internal batteries* for information on how to remove the top cover of the Archimedes). Always disconnect the Archimedes from the mains by unplugging the power supply cable, before removing the top cover.

Select option A when the changes to the defect list are complete.

Confirm your intention to format the disc by typing Y ☐ when prompted.

WFORM will now format and verify the hard disc. If the verification process detects any additional defects, you can simply add them to the defect list by confirming with Y ☐ when prompted. WFORM will then repeat the formatting and verification process in order to include the new defects.

The formatting process will now be complete.

# MIDI MODULE INSTALLATION LEAFLET

## FOR USE WITH ARCHIMEDES HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTER SYSTEMS

The MIDI Module is an upgrade to the I/O Podule which must also be installed in your Archimedes for MIDI to function. The I/O Podule must be fitted into a backplane, which is available separately. Full instructions for fitting the backplane and the I/O Podule are supplied with their respective packages.

In order to fit the MIDI Module you will have to remove the lid of the Archimedes unit. The only tools you will require are a No.1 Posidriv screwdriver and an M2 spanner.

If the I/O Podule and the MIDI upgrade are to be installed at the same time, the alterations to the I/O Podule should be made before it is installed in the Archimedes. If the Podule has already been fitted it will have to be removed.

If you do not feel confident about carrying out the installation, you can take the Archimedes and the Module to your dealer.

## DISASSEMBLY

First, switch off the Archimedes at the rear and disconnect it from the main supply by unplugging the power supply cable. Then, remove any peripherals that are attached and clear the Archimedes completely, ie remove any monitor from the top of the Archimedes and any other loose items.

Locate the screws holding the top case in place (see Fig. 1 below). First, remove the three screws at the top rear of the unit. Then remove the single screw on each side of the unit.

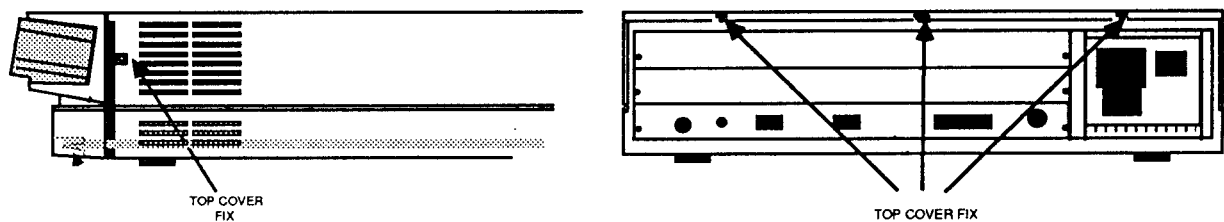


Fig. 1: The position of the screws holding the top case.

Once you have removed the three rear screws and the two side screws, slide the lid of the unit to the rear of the machine and then slide it off. You should remove the lid completely.

To remove the I/O Podule, if it is already fitted, undo the screws at either side of the rear plate and ease the Podule out of its connector on the backplane, pulling it gently towards you. Make a note of which connector it was plugged into. Remove the Podule completely from the computer.

## PARTS LIST

In the MIDI package you have:

Four ICs (Integrated Circuits) packed on anti-static foam.

Two five pin DIN sockets mounted on a small circuit board with a flying lead and a plug. These are the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT sockets.

A tiny connector or 'jumper'.

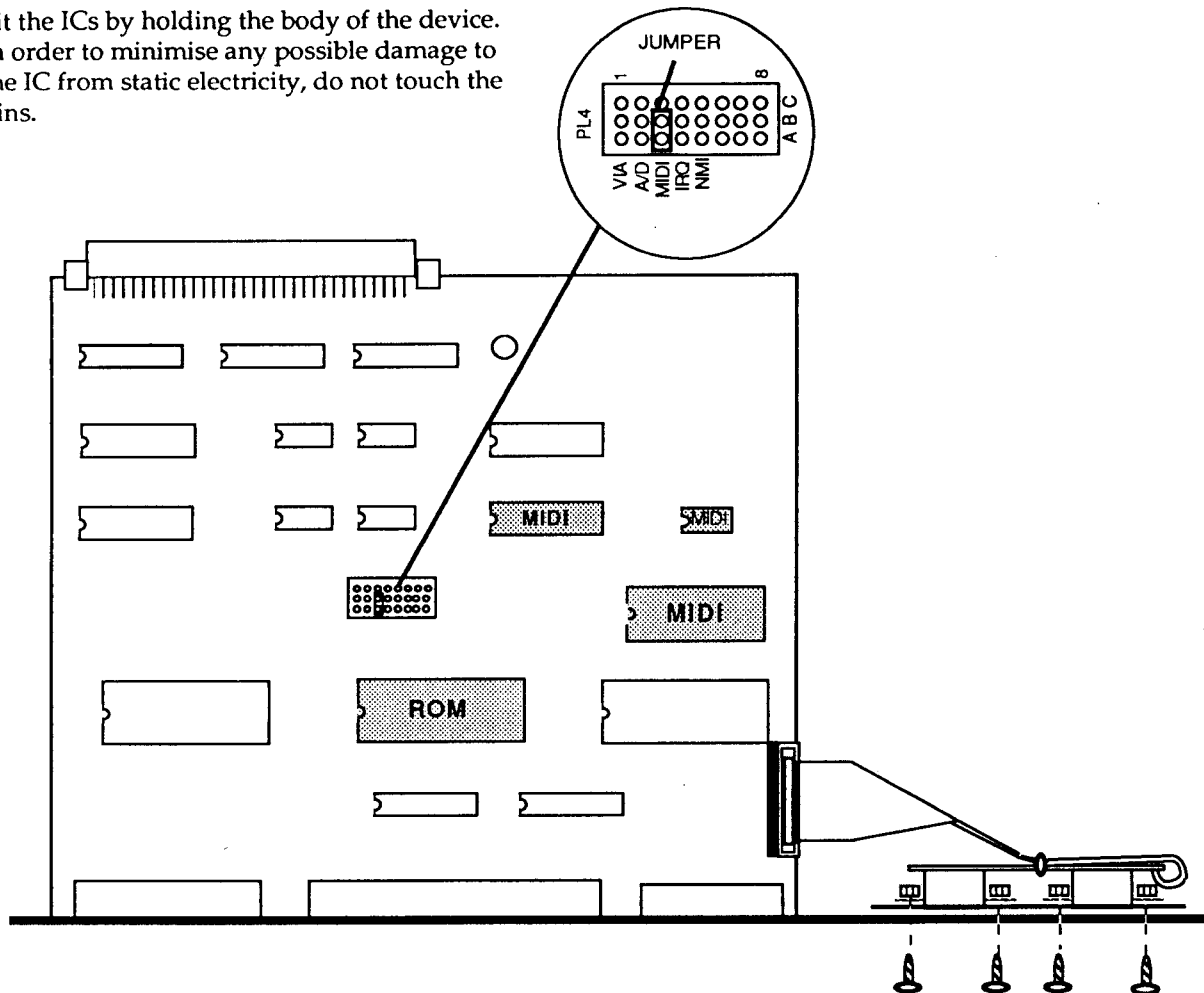
Four nuts, bolts and washers in a plastic bag.



## FITTING THE MIDI MODULE

The four integrated circuits are plugged into sockets on the I/O Podule. There are three empty sockets, for which the correct ICs can be identified by the number of pins. (see Fig. 2). You must take care to put the ICs in the right way round. Pin one is marked by an indent or a spot at one end of the IC which should line up with the indent drawn on the printed circuit board (see Fig. 2). Also take care not to bend the pins; if they are splayed out too wide for the socket, press the whole row of pins on one side VERY GENTLY against a flat surface until they fit.

Fit the ICs by holding the body of the device. In order to minimise any possible damage to the IC from static electricity, do not touch the pins.

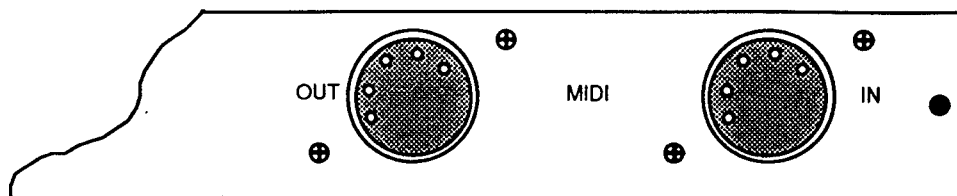


**Fig. 2: I/O Podule showing MIDI Module**

The fourth IC replaces the ROM supplied with the I/O Podule. This is the central integrated circuit in the row of three large ICs (see Fig. 2). You must remove this IC and replace it with the IC supplied with the MIDI Module. Take care not to get them mixed up. You will have one IC left over when you have finished.

The jumper must be inserted over the two pins next to the word MIDI on the Podule circuit board (see Fig. 2).

Next, the MIDI IN and MIDI OUT sockets are bolted into place on the rear panel of the Podule. First, remove the two rubber bungs by pushing them through from the circuit board side. The termination of the flying lead goes behind the IN lettering on the rear plate of the Podule (see Figs 2 and 3). Take care to get these sockets the right way up. Bolt the sockets in position using the Posidriv screwdriver, preventing the nuts from turning with your fingers or an M2 spanner.



**Fig. 3: Alignment of MIDI IN and MIDI OUT sockets**

Plug the connector on the other end of the lead into the pins on the right hand side of the circuit board (when you are looking from the rear, see Fig. 2). This will only go in one way round, don't force it.

## REASSEMBLY

You can now fit the I/O podule into the Archimedes according to its fitting instructions.

If you had to remove the Podule from the computer, support the backplane with one hand and push the connector on the Podule into the socket on the backplane from which you removed it. The connector should be securely seated, that is the rear plate of the Podule should be flush with the Archimedes case. It is important that you offer the Podule up to the backplane at right angles to it and that you align the connectors, otherwise you may bend the pins or break or disconnect the backplane itself. It does not require great force to install the Podule correctly. If the Podule will not seat easily, remove the Podule and start again.

When the Podule is positioned correctly, secure the Podule to the back of the Archimedes case by inserting a screw at each end of the Podule rear panel.

Once the Podule has been replaced, slide the top case of the Archimedes unit on from the rear, making sure that it is correctly located in its slots. These slots are positioned one on each side of the lower case.

Replace the two screws that you removed from the front sides of the Archimedes case and tighten them up (see Fig. 1).

Replace the screws at the rear and sides of the unit and tighten them up (see Fig. 1).

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# ARCHIMEDES ARTHUR ROM FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

This leaflet tells you how to upgrade your Archimedes 300 series to version 1.2 of the Arthur operating system. It is not difficult to carry out the upgrade. All you need to do is to:

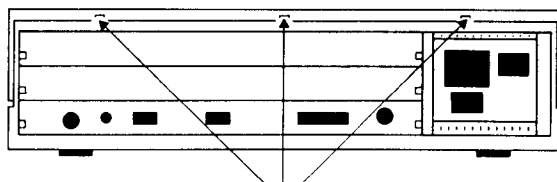
- Remove the top cover of your Archimedes
- Remove the system ROMs (four integrated circuits)
- Carefully insert the four new ones.

The only tools you will need for this are a medium Pozidriv screwdriver and a small flat-bladed screwdriver or IC extraction tool. You will, however, need to take care to **protect the ROMs from static electricity** as this can seriously damage them. However, if you are unhappy about upgrading your Archimedes yourself then your Acorn supplier will be able to do it for you.

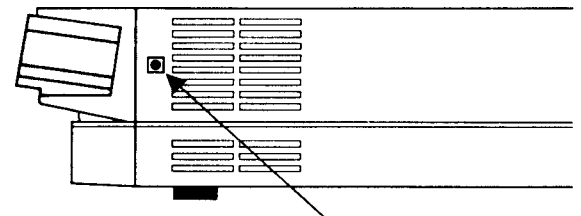
**ATTENTION! Arthur 0.2 owners - please insert your old 0.2 ROMs into the protective foam which carried your new 1.2 ROM set, and return the 0.2 ROMs to Acorn using the envelope and reply paid label provided in this pack. This request does not apply to Arthur 0.3 owners.**

## REMOVING THE TOP COVER FROM THE COMPUTER

- 1 Switch off your Archimedes and disconnect the unit from the mains by unplugging the power supply cable.
- 2 Unplug any peripherals that are attached and remove any monitor or other loose items standing on the top of the case.
- 3 Locate the screws holding the top cover in place. (See figure 1.)
- 4 Remove the three screws at the top rear of the unit and the single screws on each side of the unit.
- 5 Slide the top cover to the rear of the machine and then slide it off. You should remove the cover completely and set it carefully to one side.



Top cover fix

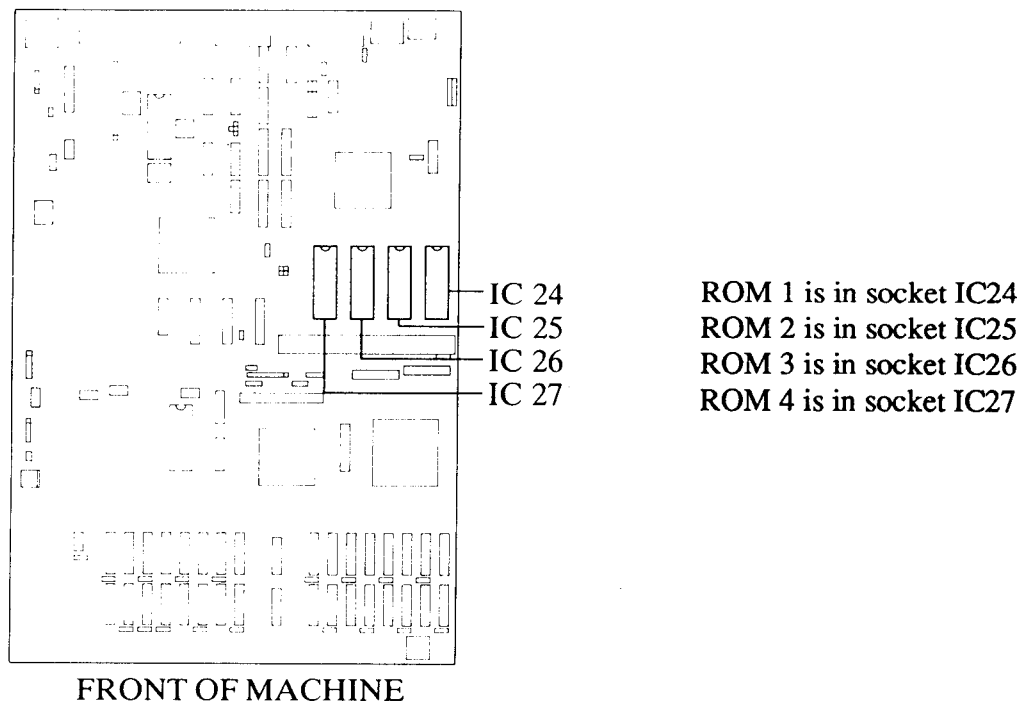


Top cover fix

**The position of the screws holding the top cover**  
**Figure 1**

## LOCATING THE SOCKETS ON THE BOARD

Position the machine so that you are facing the front. The sockets will then be located halfway along the right-hand side of the main printed circuit board. They are labelled: IC24, IC25, IC26 and IC27. (See figure 2.)



**The position of the four ROM sockets**  
**Figure 2**

**Note:** If you have any Podules installed you will need to remove them in order to gain access to the ROM sockets.

## REMOVING THE OLD ICs

You must remove the existing ICs in sockets IC24, IC25, IC26 and IC27. To do this, take an IC extraction tool or a flat-bladed screwdriver and gently prise up each end of the IC, a bit at a time.

It is important that you remove the ICs extremely gently otherwise you may bend the pins or damage the sockets. If you are using a screwdriver, be careful not to catch the ribs of the sockets.

## IDENTIFYING THE ICs

The upgrade kit consists of four ROMs. The way in which the ICs are labelled and their appearance depends on the manufacturer. Before inserting the ICs it is important to clearly identify the type of ICs you are supplied with.

Using the table below, identify which IC is which by examining the markings on them.

ROM	Markings	or	Markings	or	Markings *
1	0277,022		MB831000-20P-700		1
2	027,023		MB831000-20P-701		2
3	0277,024		MB831000-20P-702		3
4	0277,025		MB831000-20P-703		4

**\*Note:** The ROM set numbered 1,2,3 and 4 although labelled Arthur 1.1 is in fact Arthur 1.2.

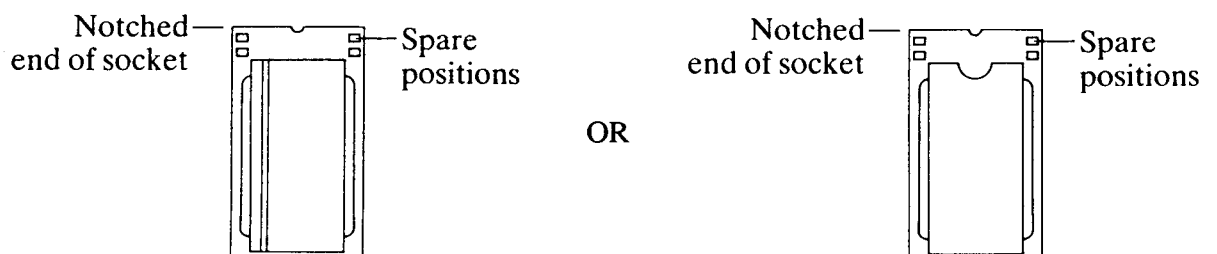
You may find it easier when you come to install the ICs if you make a note of which IC is ROM 1, ROM 2 and so on.

The ICs will be one of two types. These either have a distinctive semi-circular notch at one end of the IC or a long groove down one side.

### INSERTING THE ICs

You are now ready to insert the ICs. When you handle the ICs, it is very important that you avoid touching the pins and that you protect the ICs from static electricity.

- 1 Remove the ICs from their packaging, holding the IC between finger and thumb.
- 2 Check that all the pins on the IC are straight. If they appear crooked or splayed, you will need to realign them. To do this, hold the IC sideways-on and press it gently against a firm flat surface.
- 3 Repeat for the other row of pins as necessary.
- 4 Identify socket IC24.
- 5 Take the IC which you have already identified as ROM 1.
- 6 The new ICs each have only 28 pins so four of the pin positions in each of the 32 pin sockets will be unused. Position the end of the IC with the semi-circular notch towards the notched end of the socket. If you have grooved ICs you should position the IC so that the groove is on the left-hand side of the IC. In either case, the four free positions should be left at the notched end of the socket. (See figure 3.)



A 28 pin IC in a 32 pin socket  
Figure 3

- 7 Line up all the pins over socket IC24. Ensure that the notch on the IC points towards the notched end of the socket (or that the groove is on the left-hand side of the IC). Also, ensure that you have left four free pin positions at the notched end of the socket.
- 8 When you are sure that the IC is the correct way round, apply firm pressure to the IC until you feel it click home, but do not force it. When the IC is in place it may appear to be slightly raised.
- 9 Check that all the pins have entered the socket and that none are bent out or caught underneath.
- 10 Insert the remaining ICs. Ensure that the IC which you have identified as ROM 2 is inserted into socket IC25, ROM 3 into socket IC26 and ROM 4 into socket IC27.

## **REASSEMBLING THE ARCHIMEDES**

Now reassemble the Archimedes:

- 1 If you have removed any Podules, re-install them in accordance with the supplier's instructions.
- 2 Slide the top cover of the Archimedes unit on from the rear, making sure that it is correctly located in its slots. These slots are positioned one on each side of the lower case.
- 3 Replace the screws at the rear and side of the unit and tighten them up. (See figure 1.)
- 4 Connect up the monitor and keyboard etc and then plug in the mains supply.

The installation is now complete.

In the Desktop, use the mouse (as described in your new Welcome Guide) to select operation.

**Note:** To go straight to BASIC (rather than the Desktop) set the configuration to LANGUAGE 4.

## 5. Connectors, interfaces, links and test points

### 5.1 Archimedes 300 series options and test points

LinkNo.	Status*	Function
LK 1	NF	Not applicable to A305/310
LK 2	NF	Selects ROM size for ICs 24 to 27 in combination with LK6. Tracked in position b = 27512 EPROM, see also LK 12 and silk screen table.
LK 3	NF	Not applicable to A305/310
LK 4	NF	Not applicable to A305/310
LK 5	NF	Not applicable to A305/310
LK 6	NF	See LK 2
LK 7	NF	Can be used to ground RDY signal in floppy disc interface for test purposes.
LK 8		By fitting both in position 3 to supply PL 4 with power, the disc drive may be powered via the ribbon cable.
LK 9		
LK 10	NF	West selects SK2 pin 4 to be HSYNC. East selects SK 2 pin 4 to be CSYNC (tracked East).
LK 11	NF	West selects SK2 pin 5 to be VSYNC East selects SK 2 pin 5 to be a mode control AMODE. PCB is not tracked in either position - feature unused.
LK 12	NF	Selects type of 1 Mbit EPROMs/ROMs. DEFAULT: Links set 1 to 2 and 3 to 4 for EPROMS up to 0.5 Mbit, 1 Mbit ROMs and 1 Mbit ROM-type EPROMS, eg 27C301. Links set 1 to 3 and 2 to 4, JEDEC 1 Mbit EPROMS, eg 27C101.
TP 1		Access to real time clock oscillator
TP 2		Indicates system access to disc drive.

\*NF = Not Fitted

### 5.2 Plugs and sockets

PL 1	Serial line
PL 2	Auxiliary audio connector. 10 way 2 row 0.1" pitch For pin out see silk screen on PCB. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unfiltered left channel output</li> <li>2. 0V</li> <li>3. Filtered left channel output</li> <li>4. 0V</li> <li>5. Auxiliary input (feed to internal amplifier and speaker)</li> <li>6. 0V</li> <li>7. Filtered right channel output</li> <li>8. 0V</li> <li>9. Unfiltered right channel output</li> <li>10. 0V</li> </ol>
PL 3a	Internal clock selection. 4 way 2 row 0.1" pitch. For pinout see silk screen on PCB; shunts fitted 1 to 2, 3 to 4. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CKSYS 24 MHz system clock.</li> <li>2. Feed to VIDC clock</li> <li>3. Sync signal</li> <li>4. 0V</li> </ol>

PL 3b	Internal Video 10 way 2 row 0.1" pitch - NF
	5 VED0 (inverse of red data bit 0)
	6 VED1 (inverse of red data bit 1)
	7 VED2 (inverse of red data bit 2)
	8 VED3 (inverse of red data bit 3)
	9 SUP (supremacy output control for external video mixing)
	10 HI (horizontal interlace marker)
	11 HS(horizontal sync)
	12 VS (vertical sync)
PL 4	Floppy disc power connector - NF
	Used in conjunction with LK8 and LK9 to power floppy drive via ribbon cable.
PL 5	Power supply connector +12 V
PL 6	Power supply connector 0 V
PL 7	Power supply connector +5 V
PL 8	Power supply connector -5 V
PL 9	Front panel connector, pins 1 to 4 fitted only
	1 Speaker connection
	2 0 V
	3 Power on LED connection
	4 0 V
PL 10	Auxiliary I/O connector - NF
	1 0 V
	2 Aux 2
	3 Aux 1
	4 C4 Bidirectional IO line
	5 NVM alarm signal
PL 11	Battery connection
PL 12	Fan connection

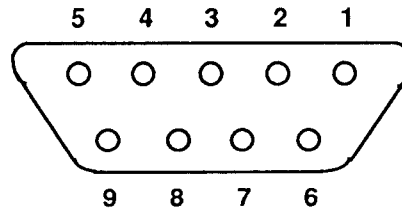


## ANALOGUE RGB

The red green and blue signals are analogue outputs each designed to drive a 75 ohm terminated line.

Composite sync is also available on the H/CSYNC output. This pin can be link selected to carry the Horizontal sync. The VSYNC/MODE output is normally unconnected and may be link selected to carry the Vertical sync. so long as VIDC is reprogrammed. To maintain high picture quality each signal lead should be an individually screened co-axial cable of 75 ohms characteristic impedance.

- 1 RED
- 2 GREEN
- 3 BLUE
- 4 CSYNC
- 5 n/c
- 6 0V
- 7 0V
- 8 0V
- 9 0V



Red, Blue and Green into 75 ohms

- 0 volts Minimum Level (Black)
- 0.7 volts Maximum Level (White)

H/Csync or Vsync/Mode into 75 ohms

- <0.2 volts Sync LOW
- >0.3 volts Sync HIGH

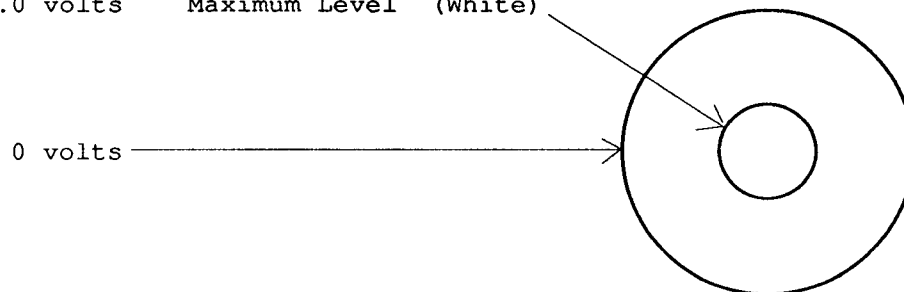
H/Csync or Vsync/Mode unterminated

- <0.2 volts Sync LOW
- >2.4 volts Sync HIGH

## MONO VIDEO

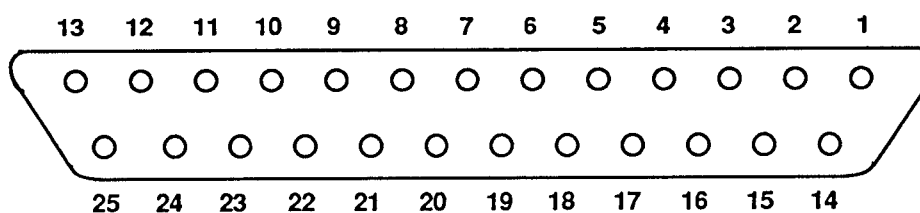
The monochrome video is available on a Phono Socket. This is a mix of the Red, Green and Blue signals with a Sync pulse:

- <0.2 volts Sync
- 0.3 volts Minimum Level (Black)
- 1.0 volts Maximum Level (White)



Socket viewed from mating side

## PARALLEL PRINTER



1	<u>STB</u>	13	n/c
2	D0	14	n/c
3	D1	15	n/c
4	D2	16	n/c
5	D3	17	0V
6	D4	18	0V
7	D5	19	0V
8	D6	20	0V
9	<u>D7</u>	21	0V
10	<u>ACK</u>	22	0V
11	BSY	23	0V
12	n/c	24	0V
25	0V		

Vol = 0.5 volts at 24 mA

Voh = 2.4 volts at 24 mA

ACK and BSY

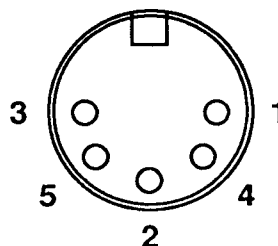
Vol = 0.8 volts

Voh = 2.4 volts

## ECONET

This socket provides the standard Econet interface.

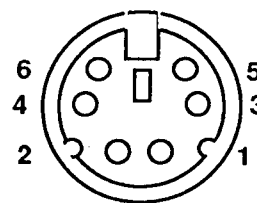
1	Data	+
2	0v	
3	Clock	-
4	Data	-
5	Clock	+



Sockets viewed from mating side

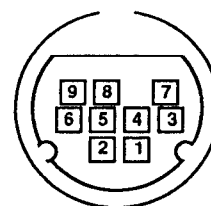
## KEYBOARD CONNECTOR

Signal name	Pin number
5 volts	4
0 volts	3
Serial Data out (to K'board)	6
Serial Data in (from K'board)	5
Reset	1
-Not connected-	2



## MOUSE CONNECTOR

Pin function	Pin number
5v supply for Mouse	6
0v return for Mouse	4
Switch 1	2
Switch 2	3
Switch 3	8
X Reference	1
X Direction	5
Y Reference	7
Y Direction	9



Movement signals are T.T.L. level with a fan out of 1 LS load.

$V_{ol} = 0.5$  volts at  $I_{out}$  of  $0.4\text{mA}$

$V_{oh} = 2.4$  volts at  $I_{out}$  of  $-0.1\text{mA}$

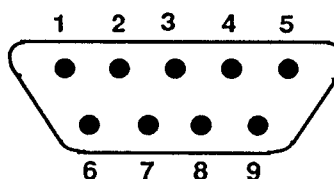
Rise and fall time  $20\ \mu\text{s}$  maximum,  $V_{ol}$  to  $V_{oh}$  or  $V_{oh}$  to  $V_{ol}$ .

Each mouse switch operates with a contact closure to  $0\text{V}$ .

The switch debounce period is  $20\text{ms}$  minimum.

## SERIAL PORT

1	DCD
2	RxD
3	TxD
4	DTR
5	0 Volts
6	DSR
7	RTS
8	CTS
9	RI

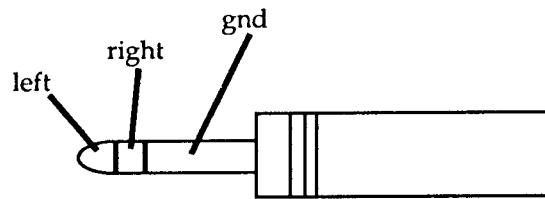


See also the Serial Port Application Note in the Appendix.

Sockets viewed from mating side

## HEADPHONES

The headphone socket is designed to drive 1 V maximum into a 32 ohm personal stereo headphone.



## INTERNAL PLUGS AND SOCKETS

### Floppy disc drive connector

This socket is used to connect to the floppy disc drive. Power may be supplied via this cable or separately. See LK8 and LK9.

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	disc eject	18	DIR
2	n/c	19	0V
3	5V or 0V	20	STEP
4	in use	21	0V
5	5V or 0V	22	Write Data
6	SEL 3	23	0V
7	5V or 0V	24	Write Gate
8	index	25	0V
9	5V or 0V	26	Track 00
10	SEL 0	27	0V
11	5V or 0V	28	Write Prot
12	SEL 1	29	12V or 0V
13	0V	30	Read Data
14	SEL 2	31	12V or 0V
15	0V	32	Side Sel
16	Motor On	33	12V or 0V

## 6. Fault-finding information

The purpose of this fault-finding information is to enable the engineer to trace faults to module level, the modules being defined as the:

- Main PCB
- PSU
- Floppy disc drive(s)
- Podule(s), as fitted
- Podule backplane
- Keyboard assembly
- Mouse
- Monitor

It is important to determine as closely as possible the nature and location of the fault to ensure that only faulty modules are replaced.

Basic test equipment required:

- 100 MHz oscilloscope
- DC Voltmeter
- Continuity tester

plus additional items according to the test routine.

In addition, reference should be made to the circuit diagram in Appendix 7.11 and PCB test point and layout diagrams in Appendices 7.8 and 7.9.

It is advisable to substitute known good units/modules in order to isolate faults before carrying out detailed tests.

In all instances, follow through the checks until the fault is located and identified, then change the appropriate module. For information on module replacement procedures, etc., see the Acorn Service and Support Strategy document.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**WHEN REFITTING OR FITTING A REPLACEMENT ASSEMBLY, CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE FOR EARTH CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE EARTH PIN OF THE MAINS PLUG AND THE FOLLOWING:**

**THE BASE METALWORK**

**THE REAR PANELS (INCLUDING BLANKING PANELS)**

**THE TOP COVER**

**USE AN EARTH CONTINUITY TESTER SET TO 25 AMPS.**

### 6.1 Basic checks

#### 6.1.1 FIRST, CHECK THE OBVIOUS:

With both the monitor and the computer switched on, check for POWER ON indications (computer and monitor ON LEDs). If neither have power, check the main fuse in the wall plug.

If the computer is powered but not the monitor, check for power on the AC outlet socket at the rear of the computer main unit by plugging in a known good monitor. Should this also fail, replace the computer power supply.

If the monitor is powered but not the computer, an internal power supply fuse may have blown. Replace the PSU.

If both have power, check by substitution that the monitor and the interconnection cable are serviceable.

Check for the correct power supply output voltages on the main PCB:

PL5 = +12 V; PL6 = 0 V; PL7 = 5 V and PL8 = -5 V

If the power supply is emitting a clicking sound, this indicates either a short between two of its outputs or a faulty power supply.

Make sure all of the ROMs are inserted correctly and that the relevant links (LK2, LK6 and LK12) are correct for the type of ROMs used. The options and settings of these links are detailed in section 5, "Connectors, interfaces, links and test points".

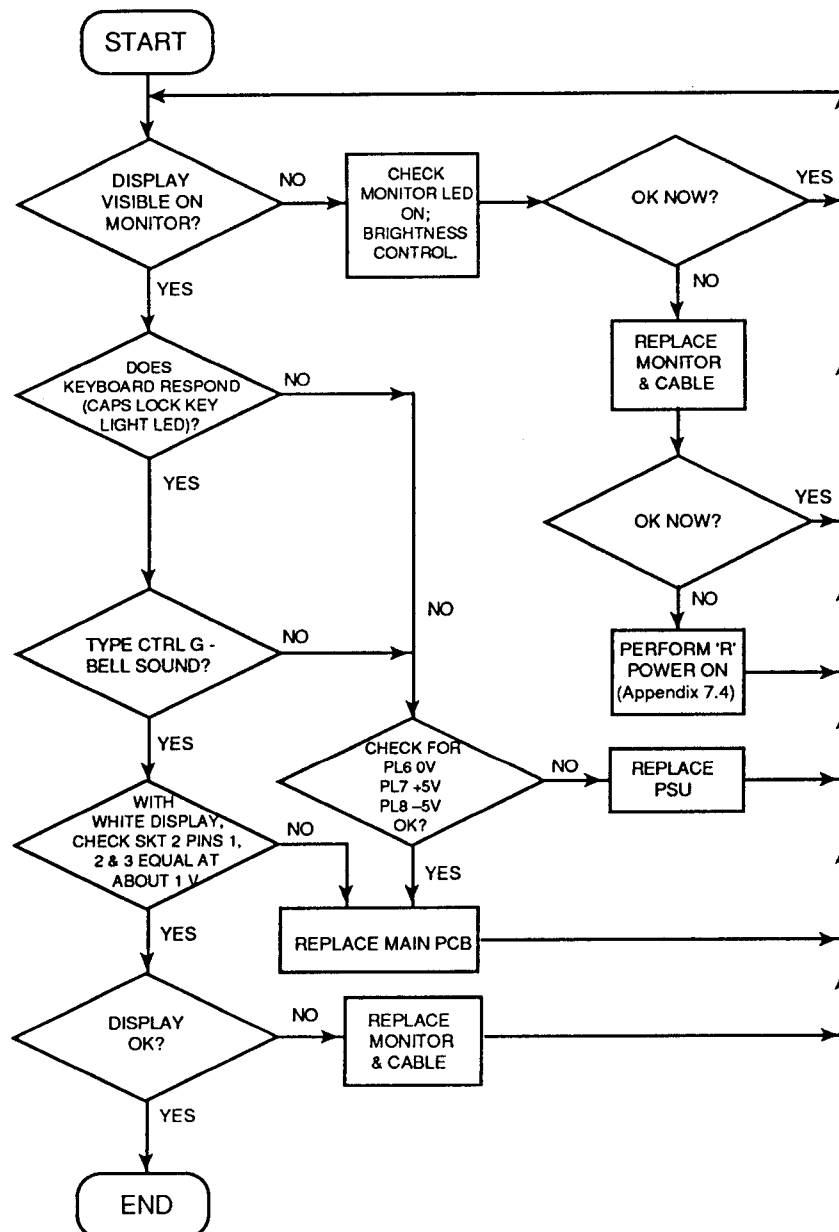
The keyboard CAPS LOCK light should toggle on and off when pressed and assuming a disc is present, the disc drive light will glow after a \*CAT command. If so, this indicates that the system is alive and that the failure is confined to the video circuitry. Try an 'R' power up (see Appendix 7.4.1). If this has no effect, change the main PCB.

If there is no response, substitute a known good keyboard and repeat the check. If there is still no response, there is a system failure - change the main PCB. If the substitute keyboard restores normal working, change the original keyboard PCB.

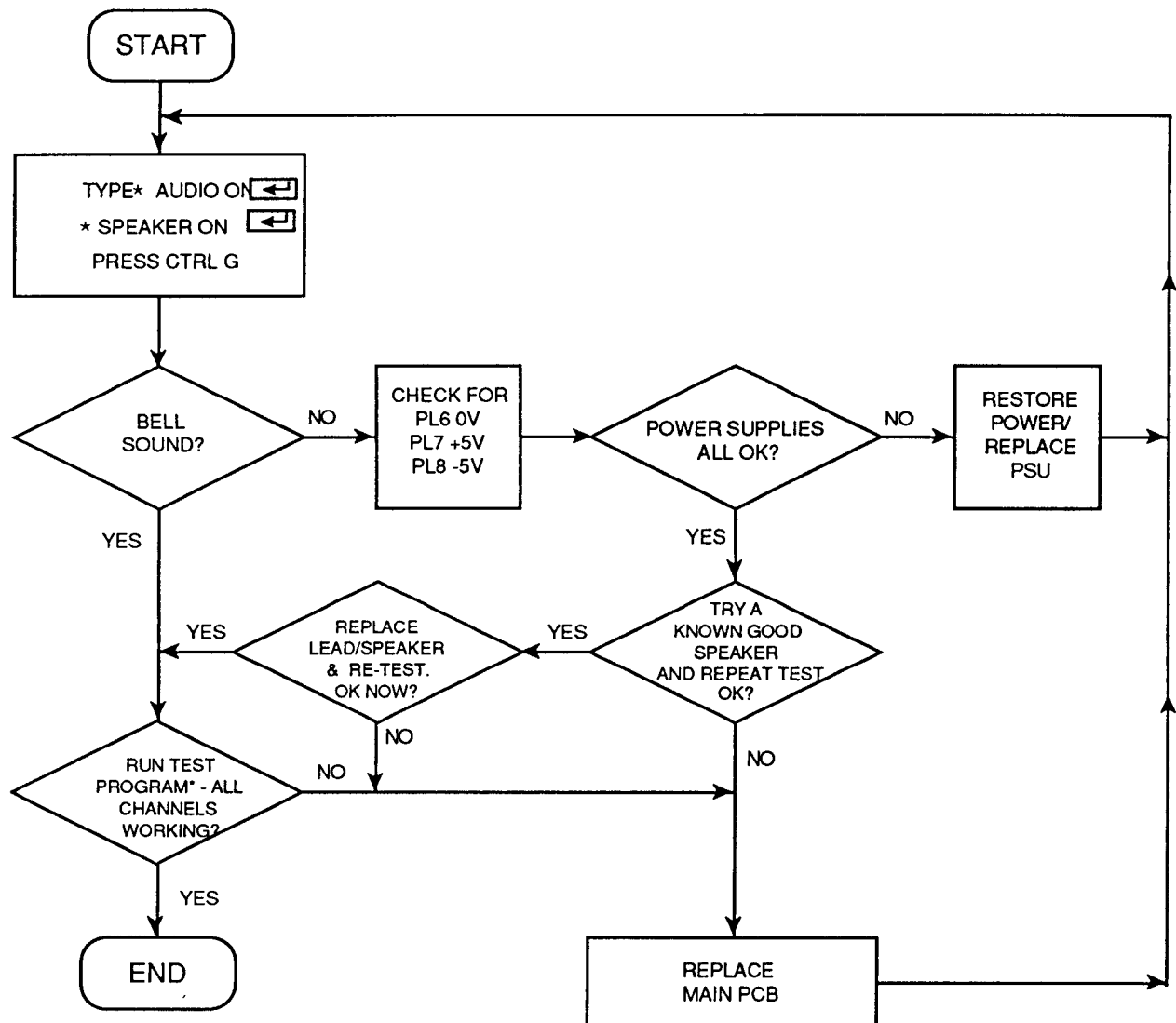
### 6.1.2 FLOWCHARTS

The following flow charts will be useful aids to basic checks:

#### NO DISPLAY



## NO SOUND



## \*TEST PROGRAM:

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10 REM > Check all channels
20 VOICES 8
30 FOR channel=1 TO 8
40 OSCLI("Channelvoice "+STR$(channel)+" "+STR$(2))
50 NEXT
60 FOR channel = 1 to 8
70 SOUND channel, -15, 100,24
80 PRINTchannel
90 k=GET
100 NEXT

```

RUN PROGRAM.  
PRESS A KEY AND REPEAT 8 TIMES.  
PRINTS CHANNEL NUMBER ON SCREEN AND  
PLAYS VOICE 2 FOR EACH CHANNEL.

## 6.2 Run main PCB Functional Test (see Appendix)

The following notes refer to the test procedures on the PCB functional test disc, as detailed in section 7.4 "Archimedes Test Instructions", and the action which should be taken as the result of a test failure.

<b>Type/Model:</b>	Memory area fault -  If model 305, change the main PCB  If model 310 with 0.5MByte RAM Upgrade, replace upgrade and retest. If it still fails test, change the main PCB, using a replacement 310 board, or transferring the original RAM upgrade to the new board. If model 310 with factory-fitted RAM, replace the main PCB.
<b>Memory:</b>	Repair as above.
<b>Battery-backed RAM:</b>	Check batteries, battery holders and connections. Re-run the test.  If test still fails, replace the main PCB.
<b>Loudspeaker:</b>	If no sound, check speaker connections. Substitute a known good speaker and re-test. If OK, replace speaker. If test still fails, replace main PCB.
<b>Headphones:</b>	If no sound or poor/faulty sound on known good headphones, replace the main PCB.
<b>Monitor Screen:</b>	If display rolls or is unstable, perform 'R' power-on until correct default value obtained. If no improvement, check/change the monitor cable. If still no improvement, change the main PCB.  If the display breaks up around its edges and spurious characters appear suspect the system oscillator. Change the main PCB.
<b>Colours incorrect or missing:</b>	With a full white screen, VIDC IC 17 pins 39, 40 and 41 should all have the same signal on them. If not, change the main PCB.
<b>Floppy Disc:</b>	If test fails, check that the configuration for 'STEP' and 'FLOPPIES' is correct. Check the disc drive ID switch is set to the correct position - normally '0' for single (or first) floppy drive, '1' for second floppy drive.  Swap the cable and drive for known good examples. Check power to to drive. If fault persists, change the main PCB.
<b>Serial port:</b>	If test fails, after you have ensured that the loopback plug is functional on another unit, change the main PCB. If a fault is reported but the test is passed, see the Serial Port Application Note in the Appendix for possible explanations.
<b>Printer:</b>	If the test fails with a known good printer and cable connected, check the configuration settings for 'PRINTER' and 'IGNORE' are correct. If fault still persists, change the main PCB.

## 6.3 Hard Disc

Carry out the hard disc and Podule interface tests.

### IMPORTANT

**THE HARD DISC AND PODULE INTERFACE TESTS WILL DESTROY ANY DATA ALREADY STORED ON THE DISC.**

Check that the configuration settings are correct.

If drive is faulty, replace it using the Hard Disc Upgrade instructions as a guide.

Replace a faulty Podule using the Podule installation leaflet as a guide.



## 6.4 Podules

Run basic checks first - see section 6.1.

Run the relevant Podule test; if it fails, substitute a known good Podule. If the test still fails, replace the main PCB.

## 6.5 Keyboard

Make sure that the configuration items 'DELAY' and 'REPEAT' are set to sensible values - eg DELAY 32, REPEAT 4.

Perform the basic checks first - see section 6.1. Run the keyboard functional test.

If the keyboard PCB is replaced, re-run the keyboard functional test.

## 6.6 Audio

Run the main PCB Functional test - see Appendix 7.4 for details.

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## 7.1 Modules/Dealer Serviceable Parts

The main PCB currently supplied as a replacement is the model 305 board with 0.5 Mbyte RAM and without ROMs fitted.

See the Acorn Service and Support Strategy document for details of replacement PCB availability.

The following is a list of modules and dealer-serviceable parts available for module-level repairs:

Part Number	Description
TBA	Arthur ROM set (4 x ROMs)
0704,105	4464 RAM available as 0.5Mbyte upgrade kit (AKA 51)
0176,100	Keyboard Assembly
0176,002	Power Supply Unit
0176,003	Mouse
0176,004	Floppy Disc Drive
0176,005	Single Floppy Disc Drive Data Cable
0176,006	Speaker/LED assembly
0376,340	PCB A Spares kit (305 PCB only with 0.5Mbyte RAM, no ROMs)
0999,438	Keyboard Curly Cable
0870,353	Power Lead (white, 2m long, 13A)
0890,009	Rubber Feet
0276,002	}
0276,003	} Main Unit Moulding Set
0276,004	}
0276,006	Top Metalwork
0276,007	Bottom Metalwork
0276,015	Front Label }
0276,017	Base Label }305 Label Set
0276,029	}
0276,030	}Poly Packing
0276,019	Cardboard Carton
0277,220	Welcome Disc
0476,000	Welcome Guide
0476,002	User Guide
0276,017	Base Label (common 305/310) }
0276,318	Front Label } 310 Label Set
<b>Keyboard</b>	
0276,101	Top Case }
0276,102	Bottom Case }Keyboard Case Set
0276,103	Leg Moulding (set of 2)
0276,105	Friction Pads
0276,106	Name Label }
0276,107	LED Label }Keyboard Label Set
0276,104	Window Moulding (function key strip)
0890,011	Rubber Feet
0276,108	Reset Keytop Moulding
TBA	Keytop Set

## 7.2 Production and Field Changes

The following information gives changes and deviations made to the Archimedes 300 series during production and is the latest available when this manual was compiled. It will be updated accordingly as information becomes available.

### Main PCB

#### MONO VIDEO OUTPUT

Some issue 2 boards may have a mono video output fault. If other checks do not reveal the cause, check for the presence of insulation tape beneath the RGB video connector mounting bracket. If no tape is fitted, suspect a short circuit on the mono video track; check for a short circuit to earth (NOT 0v) and, if found, replace the main PCB.

#### SOUND OUTPUT FAILURE

Insertion of the jack plug into the audio output socket SKT1 causes a temporary short of both audio output devices Q9 and Q11 to 0V. If the audio output is not working, check for BC239s fitted at Q9 and Q11. If so, change the board. On later boards, Q9 and Q11 are 2N3904s - these will tolerate the momentary short and are therefore unlikely to be the cause of audio output failure. Note that the two types are fitted differently to the board - see Fig. 6.

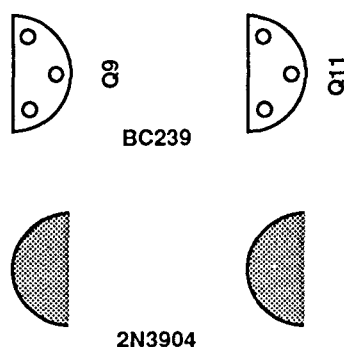


FIG. 6 VIEW OF ALTERNATIVE TYPES Q9, Q11 AS SEEN FROM ABOVE.

#### SERIAL PORT

On issue 1 boards only, two wire links are fitted around ICs 7 and 15, as follows:

IC7 pin 3 and IC15 pin 10 are not inserted into the pcb and are connected by a wire link across the top side of the PCB.

The second wire link is fitted between IC7 pins 1 and 4 on the underside of the PCB.

#### EXCESSIVE BACKGROUND NOISE ON SPEAKER (Acorn FCO E008 refers)

Later boards have a modification to reduce hum from the internal loudspeaker caused by acoustic pick-up.

The modification comprises a 10 V or higher 100  $\mu$ F capacitor fitted between pins 7 (+ve) and 4 (-ve) of IC68. The capacitor should be fitted as close as possible to the IC and should be secured to the PCB using glue or hot wax. RS part number 104-449 or 103-957 are suitable capacitors.

Machines in the original serial number range 27-AKB10-1000001 to 27-AKB10-1001277 and 27-AKB15-1000001 to 27-AKB15-1001752 were not fitted with this modification in production. However, machines outside this range may, on subsequent repair, have been fitted with circuit boards which are not modified.

Note that the noise on earlier computers when BREAK or ESCAPE is pressed is due to a software problem with earlier versions of Arthur, and will be cured when Arthur 1.20 is fitted.

**RGB OUTPUT VOLTAGE LEVELS (ACORN FCO E009 REFERS)**

The RGB output voltage levels have been raised in production to improve compatibility with certain types of multi-sync monitors. In addition, sync on green is no longer provided. Where problems are experienced with RGB levels being too low for a given monitor, change the values of 0.25W 1% resistors R20, R41 and R59 to 43.2Ω and remove R39. If 43.2Ω resistors are not available, 43Ω 1% 0.25W, Farnell part number MRS2543R or RS part number 148-168 may be used as an alternative.

Note: There are problems inherent with removing components from four-layer boards. Components should only be desoldered from the board using vacuum desoldering equipment. An acceptable alternative would be to cut the wires to the components concerned, leaving enough of the wire on the board to allow the new resistor wires to be soldered to them. The new wires should be cropped close to the resistor, but allowing the new solder joint to be effected. On removing R39, which is no longer required, crop the wires back to the board.

**VIDEO NOISE (ACORN FCO E011 REFERS)**

Breakthrough of system noise occurs onto the screen. This shows as rippling on screen and is particularly noticeable with colour monitors. This seems to be particularly prevalent when running 'Arcwriter'.

If this occurs, solder a 1N4148 diode in parallel with R67 (adjacent to VIDC IC17) with the cathode (dark stripe) at the end nearest Q13. Remove the decoupling capacitor 'A' nearest to IC17, between it and Q12 either by using desoldering equipment or by cutting the capacitor out, leaving wires long enough to attach a new component. Replace this capacitor with a 22μF 6.3 V or higher axial lead electrolytic capacitor, eg Farnell part number 030 34229. Observe polarity - positive end furthest away from Q12.

**PCB MOUNTING**

There have been several methods employed of mounting the main PCB in the case.

- i. 8 support pillars fixed to the case. The board rests on these pillars, and is attached to the rear panel.
- ii. Later boards are supported by finger grips in the front moulding, with 3 support pillars under the PCB, plus the rear panel. On some units, the 3 support pillars are attached to the board.
- iii. The PCB is supported by finger grips in the front moulding and attached to the rear panel. Two PCB slide guides support the board along each side of the case, plus one central support pillar attached to the board.

In all instances, exercise extreme care when removing the board from the case, so as not to snag supports or damage the board.

**Link 12**

Link 12 enables selection of ROM device types. The default setting is for EPROMs up to 0.5Mbit, 1Mbit ROMs and 1Mbit non-JEDEC EPROMs. Changing link 12 would allow the use of 1Mbit JEDEC EPROMs.

Issue 1 boards do not have the link fitted.

Issue 2 boards have a link consisting of either four pads or pins and shunts. The tracking is as for an issue 1 board. If the shunts are reversed, this may stop the machine functioning. Tracks need to be cut to change the link.

**Phono socket (mono video)**

Issue 1 boards have a mono video phono connector fitted to the PCB rear panel, with flying leads from the PCB.

Issue 2 boards have a board-mounted socket. As the back panel is changed with the board, this difference does not cause a problem with board change.

**Battery holder**

The battery holder is riveted to the base metalwork. If the battery holder is replaced, care must be taken to ensure that the fixing rivets are fitted to the two holes originally used. Only two of the four possible holes hold the battery holder assembly rigid.

**Saddle**

The disc drive support 'saddle' is fixed to the base metalwork by either screws or, on later units, rivets. All replacement base metalwork will have a saddle riveted in position.

**PSU**

Power Supply Units manufactured by Sanken have a screw head in the case which may foul the rear panel busbar. If fitting a Sanken PSU as a replacement, it may be necessary to modify the busbar by filing a piece out of it to clear the screwhead.

### 7.3 Archimedes Serial Port - Application Note

The Serial Port electrical interface is based on the American EIA (Electronic Industries Association) standard RS423. The interface functionality is based on the RS232 standard.

The RS232 standard defines the interface between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Communication Equipment (DCE) employing serial binary data. In the case of an Archimedes system using a modem, the computer is the DTE and the modem connected to the Serial Port is the DCE. When a serial printer is used, or another computer is connected to the Archimedes computer, both devices may appear as DTEs and the interconnections will be different.

The RS423 standard defines the electrical characteristics of an unbalanced digital interface circuit such as the Archimedes Serial Port.

The RS232 standard is very broad-based in its scope, and defines the use of a 25-way connector with many connections between the DTE and DCE. In practice, many equipment manufacturers have found the only a small sub-set of these connections is necessary and connectors with far fewer pins have been used. Unfortunately, the selection of the sub-set is often arbitrary and there may confusion over how to make the best use of the connections provided. Only two wires (plus ground) are actually needed, theoretically, to make a two-way serial data connection between the DTE and the DCE. The additional connections are primarily used to carry out "hardware handshaking". The "handshaking" enables the two pieces of equipment to exert some direct control over each other to allow synchronisation of data flow. This synchronisation is necessary to avoid data loss. Increasingly, "software handshaking" is used instead of "hardware handshaking". In this case, whilst data is transmitted along one data line, the other line is used to carry control information that allows the sender and the receiver to synchronise via software control at each end.

The Archimedes Serial Port uses a 9-way connector (D-type plug) that is similar in function, but is not identical, to the 9-way port on the IBM PC/AT or derivatives. The same connecting lead can normally be used as that supplied for the PC/AT.

The pin connections for the 9-way connector are as follows:

Pin	Function	Voltage & Logic State
1	DXD Data Carry Detect	+ve - On (Detected)
2	RXD Receive Data	+ve - Logic "0"
3	TXD Transmit Data	+ve - Logic "1"
4	DTR Data Terminal Ready	+ve - On (Ready)
5	GND Ground Return (0V)	
6	DSR Data Set Ready	+ve - On (Ready)
7	RTS Request To Send	+ve - On (Send)
8	CTS Clear To Send	+ve - On (Clear)
9	RI Ringing Indicator	+ve - On (Ringing)

#### ERRATA

Pin 3 (TXD Transmit Data): positive voltage level corresponds to Logic "0", not "1".

The Archimedes Serial Port applications include:

#### Connection to another computer

In this case, both devices behave as DTEs and the RXD and TXD lines need to be transposed between the computers. Software handshaking will often be used, with some hardware control "loop-back" locally:

- Connect pins 1, 4 & 6 (DCD, DTR and DSR) together
- Connect pin 2 (RXD) of the DTE (Archimedes) to TXD of the DCE (modem)
- Connect pin 3 (TXD) of the DTE (Archimedes) to RXD of the DCE (modem)
- Connect pin 5 (0V) of the DTE to 0V of the DCE
- Connect pin 7 (CTS) of computer A to pin 8 (RTS) of computer B
- Connect pin 8 (RTS) of computer A to pin 7 (CTS) of computer B

Pin 7 (of both computer A and computer B) should read RTS, not CTS. Correspondingly, pin 8 (of both computer A and computer B) should read CTS, not RTS.

#### Connection to a modem

In this case, the computer is the DTE and the modem is the DCE. The RXD and TXD lines are **not** transposed and the DCD, DTR & DSR lines may be brought into use. The TXD, RXD, CTS, DCD, DTR,

DSR and 0V lines of one device are connected to the same pins on the other device.

**Note:** In both of the above arrangements, the CTS line does not behave in quite the same way as for the existing Master Series or BBC Model B computers. The CTS line on the Archimedes computer, when disabled, will cause an immediate cessation of data flow. For byte-oriented protocols, this may be undesirable as the last character may be corrupted. For applications where this is likely to be a problem, the DSR input should be used instead of CTS (ie the functions should be reversed). The DSR input, when disabled, allows completion of the current character.

#### Connection to a serial printer

Both devices will typically be DTEs and some hardware handshaking may be needed. Connections will be similar to the "computer to computer" method, but will vary between printer types. The printer manual should be consulted for guidance.

#### Baud Rate

The serial controller chip within the Archimedes computer provides one internal timer for baud rate control. If the Receive and Transmit rates are programmed to be the same, then this timer is used for both. If different baud rates are needed for Transmit and Receive, then the internal timer is allocated to a system timer. This system timer is not an exact multiple or sub-multiple of the internal timer. The use of different Receive and Transmit rates is therefore only recommended for lower speed usage, eg 1200/75 Viewdata. If only Receive is being used, it is important to program Transmit to the same rate, even though it is not being used. This ensures that Arthur allocates the internal timer to Receive.

#### Versions of Arthur

Early versions of Arthur, ie those prior to version 1, have a problem which can affect Received data. If it becomes necessary for Arthur to signal to a sender to stop sending data, due to a full buffer etc., then Arthur fails to re-enable the sender when the problem clears. A patch is supplied on the Welcome disc for machines supplied with Arthur version 0.3.

Copies of the RS232 and RS423 standards may be purchased from the BSI in Milton Keynes, UK, or direct from the EIA in Washington DC, USA. There are related European and International standards as indicated below:

RS232 -	Interface between data terminal equipment and data communication equipment employing serial binary data exchange
RS423 -	Electrical characteristics of unbalanced voltage digital interface circuits
CCITT V24 -	Interchange circuits
CCITT V28 -	Electrical characteristics
ISO 2110 -	Pin connections for V24 circuits with V28 characteristics

This information is subject to change without notice. No responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. The user or program writer should verify that any application program or connection is suitable for the intended environment(s).



## 7.4 ARCHIMEDES TEST INSTRUCTIONS

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**Note:** Please read the following section 'General test procedure' before you carry out any of the tests.

# 1. GENERAL TEST PROCEDURE

## Contents

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## 1. Safety

Some of these tests require that you remove the top cover of the Archimedes computer. Although the power supply unit is designed to comply with BS415 Class 2, you must still take care to ensure that no metal objects fall (or are put) into the power supply unit through the ventilation holes.

## 2. Connecting and disconnecting the power

- You must CONNECT the power only when you have made all the other connections
- You must DISCONNECT the power before removing any other connections.

## 3. Validating the test equipment

Before carrying out any of the tests in this section, validate the test equipment using a known good part. If the test equipment fails, you should repair the test equipment and retest on a known good part.

## 4. Before you start

Before the start of each day or testing session, you must first:

- Adjust the colour monitor to ensure adequate contrast
- Inspect all the mechanical parts of the test equipment and replace any parts as necessary.

Also, if required:

- Ensure that the printer has sufficient paper
- Connect the printer and monitor to the mains supply. Do NOT turn on.

## 5. Saving and restoring the CMOS RAM

The tests alter the contents of the battery backed RAM that holds the Archimedes' configuration data. These must be saved before any of the tests are run, and restored when the last test is over.

- 1 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
- 2 If your screen is showing the desktop environment, use the mouse to click on the 'EXIT' icon, otherwise, type \*GOS.
- 3 At the Arthur supervisor prompt (an asterisk) type the following:  
 DRIVE 0  
 CMOSLS

- 4 When prompted, replace the Test disc with an ADFS 800k write enabled disc, the data disc.
- 5 Type 'S' to save the contents of the RAM, or 'L' to load a previously saved copy of the RAM.
- 6 Type the filename to use.
- 7 When prompted, replace the Test disc in the drive and press the space bar to continue.
- 8 Put the data disc in a safe place. Do NOT use this disc for the later floppy disc test.
- 9 Type 'Q' to quit this option. The Dealer Test Menu is displayed; select the 'Quit' option.

## 5. The Test Disc

The test disc contains various options which are selected from menus e.g:

Dealer Test Menu

- 1 A300 Tests
- 2 A400 Tests
- 3 Modules & Upgrades
- 4 Load/Save CMOS RAM
- 5 Keyboard Test
- 6 Quit

SELECT OPTION :

To select an option, type its number. Some options lead to further menus, other options run tests immediately.

## 6. Carrying out the tests

There are two types of tests - subjective and non subjective. The test program passes or fails the equipment on the non-subjective tests; however, you must judge whether the equipment passes or fails the subjective tests.

## 7. Error messages

- If a message is expected and has not appeared within 30 seconds, you must record the fault, disconnect the machine and repair before retesting
- If a test fails, then you should record the fault and attempt to continue with the tests. You should also note any other failures, but bear in mind the possibility that these failures are caused by the first recorded failure.

## 8. Performing Soak tests

At the end of each test, you should carry out a Soak test. To do this, leave the unit under test powered up for eight hours or alternatively overnight. After carrying out the Soak test, it is advisable to retest the unit.

## 9. Repairing faults

When repairing the Archimedes 300 series, you should repair the faults in the order in which they occurred during the test ie repair the first recorded failure FIRST.

For further information on checking for faults and carrying out repairs, refer to the appropriate module section of this manual.

A list of part numbers for products necessary to make module level repairs may be found in Section 7.1.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 1

### ARCHIMEDES 300 SERIES MAIN PCB FUNCTIONAL TEST

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7	Packing

**Note:** Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

The Archimedes 300 series main PCB Functional test should be carried out after ANY repair to the machine and consists of the following individual tests:

- Computer type/model
- Memory
- Battery-backed RAM
- Time
- Loudspeaker
- Headphones
- Standard monitor(s)
- Floppy disc drive
- RS423 port
- Printer.

## 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the tests, you will require the following equipment:

- Archimedes computer with pcb to be tested
- Archimedes keyboard
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- ADFS 800k formatted, write enabled, 3.5 inch discs
- serial port 'loopback' plug
- Epson FX80 or Olivetti JP101 printer
- pair of 32 $\Omega$  stereo headphones
- monochrome monitor
- analogue RGB monitor

The Archimedes computer, keyboard, Test disc, ADFS 800k formatted disc and serial port loopback plug are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.

**Note:** You can replace the specified printers with any other manufacturer's direct functional equivalent (in terms of BOTH hardware interface and software).

## 3. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes computer in the correct order. Connect the:

- keyboard to the front panel connector
- serial port 'loopback' plug to the 'RS423' socket
- printer to the 'Parallel Printer' port
- headphones to the 'Headphones 32 $\Omega$ ' socket
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- monitors to the mains supply
- Archimedes computer to the mains supply.

## 4. Powering up

Before beginning the test, ensure that you have saved the CMOS RAM. Then:

- 1 Turn on all equipment EXCEPT the Archimedes computer.
- 2 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
- 3 Whilst holding down the 'R' key, turn the computer on. If the 'R' Power-up is successful, a red border appears momentarily on the screen before the Desktop environment appears. (The Arthur supervisor prompt appears if the machine has not been upgraded to Arthur 1.2.)
- 4 If the display is not stable, switch off the computer and repeat the procedure described in step 3. Normally, you need to execute the 'R' Power-up procedure twice in order to display the correct screen. This is because the software toggles between two 'SYNC' options.

## 5. Running the tests.

To run the test program you should:

- 1 Hold down Shift
- 2 Press and release Break .

The 'Dealer Test Menu' is displayed:

```
Dealer Test Menu

1  A300 Tests
2  A400 Tests
3  Podules & Upgrades
4  Load/Save CMOS RAM
5  Keyboard Test
6  Quit
```

Select the option 'A300 Tests'. The next menu is displayed:

```
A300 Test Menu

1  All Tests Except Printer
2  All Tests and Epson Printer
3  All Tests and JP101 Printer
4  Return to main menu
```

Select the tests for the printer connected to the Archimedes computer.

**Note:** If you do not want to test the printer and do not need a print-out of the results, you can select the 'All Tests Except Printer' option.

### 5.1 Computer type/model

After loading the test program, the Archimedes computer cycles through a series of tests beginning with the Computer type/model test. This test is extremely fast and the type and model number of the computer is displayed immediately:

```
This computer is an
    ARCHIMEDES nnn

CHECK FRONT LABELS
THEN PRESS <SPACE> TO CONTINUE
```

You should:

- 1 Check that the number displayed on the screen is the same as on the label on the front of the Archimedes computer.
- 2 If the number is NOT the same, check inside the machine for the amount of RAM fitted. If the test is giving the wrong result there is a fault in the memory areas.
- 3 If the number IS the same, press the Space Bar to continue with the next test.

## 5.2 Memory

The Functional test continues by testing the memory. The screen clears and displays the following messages:

Memory test

Phase one: Incrementing pattern ....

Phase two: Cycling bits .....

PASSED/FAILED message

A failed message will end the tests. If the test has PASSED, press the Space Bar to continue the test.

## 5.3 Battery backed RAM

The test continues by testing battery backed RAM. The following message is displayed on the screen:

Battery Backed Ram (BBR) test running.

Reading BBR into main memory.

Checking read/write function of BBR.

Re-loading configuration parameters.

PASSED/FAILED message

PRESS <SPACE> TO CONTINUE

Press the Space Bar to continue the test.

## 5.4 Time

The Functional test continues by testing the time and date settings. A series of options are displayed on the screen:

DO YOU WANT TO ?

1. CHECK THE DATE AND TIME

2. SET THE DATE AND TIME

3. CHECK THEN SET THE DATE AND TIME

PRESS 1 OR 2 OR 3

The normal procedure is to select option 1. If you want to reset the time or date you would select 2 or 3. For example, you can:

- 1 Type 1 to check the date and time.
- 2 Check that the time is correct and the seconds are incrementing correctly.
- 3 To continue with the test, press the Space Bar.

## 5.5 Loudspeaker

The Functional test continues by testing the operation of the loudspeaker. A short repeating sequence of five musical notes is played and the following message is displayed:

LOUDSPEAKER TEST

LISTEN AND CHECK SOUND

THEN PRESS <SPACE> TO CONTINUE

You should:

- 1 Listen to the sequence of notes.
- 2 This is a subjective test, so if you detect any deviation, make a note of the fault.
- 3 To continue with the test, press the Space Bar.

## 5.6 Headphones

The Functional test continues by testing the 'Headphones 32Ω' socket. The following message is displayed as the test proceeds:

HEADPHONE TEST RUNNING

LISTEN AND CHECK SOUND

THEN PRESS <SPACE> TO CONTINUE

The test consists of a repeating sequence of eight musical notes. The first four notes are played on one headphone and the next four notes on the other headphone.

- 1 Put on the headphones.
- 2 Listen to the sequence of notes.
- 3 This is a subjective test, so if you detect any deviation in either headphone, note down the fault.
- 4 To continue with the test, press the Space Bar.

## 5.7 Standard monitor

This test consists of a series of screen displays. You proceed through the test at your own pace.

The first display consists of a series of white lines radiating from the top-left corner. A cursor, in the shape of a three-coloured acorn, travels across the screen, starting from the bottom left and finishing at the top right. The features to check are:

- the accuracy of the lines
- the movement and integrity of the cursor
- the transparency of the acorn image as it moves across the lines.

This is a subjective test, so make a note of any faults.

When you have finished looking at the screen display, press the Space Bar to move to the next display.



The next screen displays consist of four test cards. There is a test card for each of the three colour guns, and a 'grey scale' to test the three guns. The four test cards are:

- Red scale
- Green scale
- Blue scale
- Grey scale.

Each test card consists of 16 concentric circles beneath a horizontal band which is divided into 16 sections. A pale border highlights the leftmost eight sections of the band in order to distinguish the band from the background. The whole test card is surrounded by a contrasting border.

The purpose of the cards is to display 16 shades with the shade of the border as the middle of the range. You should observe:

- the 16 shades displayed
- the mid-coloured border
- the quality of the 'grey scale' display
- the integrity of each test card.

This is a subjective test, so make a note of any faults which you detect and when you are ready to continue press the Space Bar.

## 5.8 Floppy disc drive

The Floppy disc drive test consists of two parts. The first part of the test checks the write protect mechanism. The test disc must be write protected for this test to work. If the Archimedes disc drive passes the following message is displayed:

```
Insert Test disc 2 in drive 0
Then press SPACE
```

Replace the Test disc with an ADFS 800k write enabled disc, the scratch disc. Any data already on this disc may be destroyed, so it is best to use a blank disc.

The test continues with disc Read, Write and Erase tests. Each test gives a PASSED/FAILED message.

## 5.9 RS423 port

The RS423 port test is carried out automatically and gives a PASSED/FAILED message.

## 5.10 Printer

The Printer test sends a test pattern to the printer. The pattern comprises a repeated series of stepped lines each representing bits 0 to 7. You should look for missing or corrupted pattern. As this is a subjective test so make a note of any faults that you detect.

## 5.11 On completing the tests

On completing the tests the screen displays:

TESTS COMPLETE

and outputs a message to the printer. This indicates that the Archimedes computer has passed all the non-subjective tests. However, the message Tests Complete should NOT necessarily be interpreted as a PASS, since you may wish to fail the computer on one of the subjective tests.

If a failure has been found during the non-subjective tests, the screen displays a FAILED message and lists the failures on the printer, assuming that the printer is functioning and that you did not select the 'All Tests Except Printers' option from the menu.

## 6. Disconnecting the equipment

- 1 Switch OFF the power to the Archimedes computer (at the mains switch on the rear of the machine).
- 2 Switch OFF the power to the rest of the equipment.

It is important to disconnect the equipment from the computer in the correct order, ie disconnect the:

- Archimedes computer from the mains supply
- monitor from the mains supply
- monochrome monitor from the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor from the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- headphones from the 'Headphones 32ohms' socket
- printer from the 'Parallel Printer' port
- serial port 'loopback' plug from the 'RS423' socket
- keyboard from the front panel connector.

## 7. Packing

Finally repack the Archimedes computer in its box. Note, however, that the packaging used for the Archimedes 305 and 310 is NOT suitable for an Archimedes computer which has been upgraded with a hard disc. Do NOT send the hard disc unit through the post or by courier unless you have provided alternative packaging.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 2

### ARCHIMEDES 300 & 400 KEYBOARD FUNCTIONAL TEST

#### Contents

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- 5 Running the test
  - 5.1 Keys stuck
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- 6 Disconnecting the equipment
- 7 Packing

**Note:** Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

This test should be carried out whenever you repair or replace either a 300 or a 400 Series keyboard. The test checks that:

- the keys are open and functioning
- the LEDs are functioning
- the mouse buttons are functioning

#### 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the tests, you will require the following equipment:

- Archimedes keyboard to be tested
- Archimedes mouse to be tested
- Archimedes computer
- known good Archimedes mouse
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- monochrome monitor OR
- analogue RGB monitor

The Archimedes computer, keyboard, mouse and Test disc are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.

### 3. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes computer in the correct order. Connect the:

- mouse to the keyboard
- keyboard to the front panel connector
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- monitor to the mains supply
- Archimedes computer to the mains supply.

### 4. Powering up

Before beginning the test, ensure that you have saved the contents of the CMOS RAM. Then:

- 1 Turn on all equipment EXCEPT the Archimedes computer.
- 2 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
- 3 Whilst holding down the 'R' key, turn the computer on. If the 'R' Power-up is successful, a red border appears momentarily on the screen before the Desktop environment appears. (The Arthur supervisor prompt appears if the machine has not been upgraded to Arthur 1.2.)
- 4 If the display is not stable, switch off the computer and repeat the procedure described in step 3. Normally, you need to execute the 'R' Power-up procedure twice in order to display the correct screen. This is because the software toggles between two 'SYNC' options.

### 5. Running the test.

To run the test program you should:

- 1 Hold down Shift
- 2 Press and release Break .

The 'Dealer Test Menu' is displayed:

Dealer Test Menu

- 1 A300 Tests
- 2 A400 Tests
- 3 Podules & Upgrades
- 4 Load/Save CMOS RAM
- 5 Keyboard Test
- 6 Quit

Select the option 'Keyboard Test'.

#### 5.1 Keys stuck

During this test, any keys or mouse buttons which are in a permanently closed position (ie stuck down) are displayed on the screen. If any keys are permanently closed, then it will be IMPOSSIBLE to continue the test.

If everything is normal and no keys are stuck then nothing is displayed on the screen and the Test program passes straight on to the next test.

## 5.2 LEDs

This test checks that the LEDs on Caps Lock, Scroll Lock and Num Lock are working. To carry out this test:

- 1 Follow the instructions which appear on the screen. These tell you when to check that each LED is ON and OFF.
- 2 Note down any LED failures before continuing the test.
- 3 After each set of instructions press Break to move to the next instruction.

## 5.3 Mouse

This tests the three buttons on the mouse and the movement of the mouse to the left, right, up and down. Each of the mouse buttons (ie left, middle, right) are displayed on the screen in turn, together with a pointer. You should:

- 1 Move the mouse until the pointer is within the displayed button on the screen.
- 2 Press the corresponding mouse button. The button displayed on the screen should disappear and the next button appear.

If the button cannot be made to disappear then it will be IMPOSSIBLE to continue the test. You should repeat the test with the known good mouse to isolate the fault to either the keyboard or the mouse. Make such repairs as are necessary, then retest.

If everything is normal, the program moves on automatically to the next test.

## 5.4 Keys

The screen clears to show a representation of keys in the main keyboard area. You need to test each key in turn in the correct order ie work from the bottom line of the keyboard and from left of the keyboard to the right:

- 1 Press Caps Lock.
- 2 Check that the picture of the Caps Lock key disappears from the screen.
- 3 Press Shift and check that the picture of the Shift key disappears from the screen. If the picture of the key does not disappear from the screen then leave a small delay before pressing the next key.

If the screen stops clearing the characters as you press the keys, go back to the lowest, leftmost key remaining on the screen and start again from there.

- 4 Continue working along the bottom line. Then, start working from left to right along the next line up.

**Note:** If you accidentally press two keys together, you will see both keys displayed on the screen. You should press Break to continue.

If the same fault occurs repeatedly or the picture of the depressed key refuses to disappear, then it will be IMPOSSIBLE to continue the test. You should repair the keyboard and start the whole test again.

- 5 When all keys in the main keyboard area have been pressed successfully the screen clears and displays a diagram of the rest of the keyboard area. Again, press each key in turn, following the guidelines above.

- 6 When all the keys have been successfully pressed, the screen clears and displays the following message:
- ```
MOUSE TEST - PASSED  
MAIN KEYBOARD TEST - PASSED  
NUMERIC KEYPAD TEST - PASSED  
PRESS RESET BUTTON TO END TEST
```

Press the Reset button on the back of the keyboard. You have now finished the keyboard functional test.

## 6. Disconnecting the equipment

- 1 Switch OFF the power to the Archimedes computer (at the mains switch on the rear of the machine).
- 2 Switch OFF the power to the rest of the equipment.

It is important to disconnect the equipment from the Archimedes computer in the correct order, ie disconnect the:

- Archimedes computer from the mains supply
- monitor from the mains supply
- monochrome monitor from the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor from the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- keyboard from the front panel connector
- mouse from the keyboard.

## 7. Packing

Finally repack the Archimedes computer in its box. Note, however, that the packaging used for the Archimedes 305 and 310 is NOT suitable for an Archimedes computer which has been upgraded with a hard disc. Do NOT send the hard disc unit through the post or by courier unless you have provided alternative packaging.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 3

### ARCHIMEDES DUAL FLOPPY DISC TEST

#### Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Equipment required
- 3 Connecting up the equipment
- 4 Powering up
- 5 Running the test
- 6 Disconnecting the equipment
- 7 Packing

Note: Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

The Dual floppy disc test should be carried out whenever you install, repair or replace a second floppy disc.

**Note:** These instructions assume that the second floppy disc drive upgrade has already been correctly installed. Please refer to Section 4, 'Upgrading', if you need instructions for its installation or removal.

#### 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the tests, you will require the following equipment:

- Second floppy disc drive upgrade to be tested, which should be fitted already
- Archimedes computer
- Archimedes keyboard
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- ADFS 800k formatted, write enabled, 3.5 inch disc
- monochrome monitor OR
- analogue RGB monitor

The Archimedes computer, keyboard, Test disc and second floppy disc upgrade kit are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.

#### 3. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes computer in the correct order. Connect the:

- keyboard to the front panel connector
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- monitor to the mains supply
- Archimedes computer to the mains supply.

#### 4. Powering up

Before beginning the test, ensure that you have saved the CMOS RAM. Then:

- 1 Turn on all equipment EXCEPT the Archimedes computer.
- 2 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
- 3 Whilst holding down the 'R' key, turn the computer on. If the 'R' Power-up is successful, a red border appears momentarily on the screen before the Desktop environment appears. (The Arthur supervisor prompt appears if the machine has not been upgraded to Arthur 1.2.)
- 4 If the display is not stable, switch off the computer and repeat the procedure described in step 3.  
Normally, you need to execute the 'R' Power-up procedure twice in order to display the correct screen. This is because the software toggles between two 'SYNC' options.

#### 5. Running the test.

To run the test program you should:

- 1 Hold down Shift
- 2 Press and release Break .

The 'Dealer Test Menu' is displayed:

Dealer Test Menu

- 1 A300 Tests
- 2 A400 Tests
- 3 Podules & Upgrades
- 4 Load/Save CMOS RAM
- 5 Keyboard Test
- 6 Quit

Select the option 'Podules & Upgrades'. The next menu is displayed:

Archimedes Podule Tests

- 1 I/O Podule & MIDI Upgrade
- 2 Hard Disc Upgrade
- 3 MIDI Podule
- 4 ROM Podule
- 5 Dual floppy disc test
- 6 Return to main menu



- 1 Select the option 'Dual floppy disc test'. The program loads and displays the following:  
DUAL FLOPPY DISC DRIVE TEST  
Insert Test Disc 1 in Drive 0  
Insert Test Disc 2 in Drive 1  
Then Press SPACE
  - 2 Leave the test disc in drive 0. Insert in drive 1 an ADFS 800k write enabled disc, the scratch disc. Any data already on this disc may be destroyed, so it is best to use a blank disc.
  - 3 The first part of the test checks the write protect mechanism. The test disc must be write protected for this test to work.
  - 4 The test continues with disc Read, Write and Erase tests. Each test gives a PASSED/FAILED message.
  - 5 When prompted, swap the discs in the drives, then press the space bar. The tests in 3 and 4 above are then repeated, using the opposite drives.
  - 6 When prompted, replace the test disc in drive 0
- You have now completed the Dual floppy disc test. Return to the main menu and select the 'Quit' option to finish.

## 6. Disconnecting the equipment

- 1 Switch OFF the power to the Archimedes computer (at the mains switch on the rear of the machine).
- 2 Switch OFF the power to the rest of the equipment.

It is important to disconnect the equipment from the Archimedes computer in the correct order, ie disconnect the:

- Archimedes computer from the mains supply
- monitor from the mains supply
- monochrome monitor from the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor from the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- keyboard from the front panel connector.

## 7. Packing

Finally repack the Archimedes computer in its box.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 4

### ARCHIMEDES HARD DISC & HARD DISC INTERFACE PODULE TESTS

#### Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Equipment required
- 3 Removing the top cover of the Archimedes
- 4 Connecting up the equipment
- 5 Powering up
- 6 Running the tests
  - 6.1 Formatting the hard disc
  - 6.2 Verifying the hard disc
  - 6.3 Soak test
- 7 Disconnecting the equipment
- 8 Packing

**Note:** Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

The hard disc tests should be carried out after you have performed the hard disc upgrade or when you have repaired or replaced a hard disc. These tests enable you to check the formatting and operation of a hard disc and its interface.

**Note:** These instructions assume that the hard disc upgrade has already been correctly installed. Please refer to Section 4, 'Upgrading', if you need instructions for its installation or removal.

**Warning:** Running this test on a hard disc that has data stored on it will DESTROY ALL DATA currently held on the disc. Please ensure that the customer is aware of this and gives you their consent before you start.

**Warning:** The test requires that the Archimedes computer be run with the top cover removed. Although the power supply unit is designed to comply with BS415 Class 2, take care to ensure that no metal objects fall (or are put) into the power supply unit through the ventilation holes.

## 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the test, you will require the following equipment:

- Hard disc upgrade to be tested, which should already be installed
- Archimedes computer
- Archimedes keyboard
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- monochrome monitor OR
- analogue RGB monitor.

The Archimedes computer, keyboard and Test disc are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.

## 3. Removing the top cover of the Archimedes

- 1 Remove the lid of the Archimedes computer by undoing the five retaining screws and sliding the lid off over the back of the machine.
- 2 Ensure that the hard disc upgrade is fitted correctly.

## 4. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes computer in the correct order. Connect the:

- keyboard to the front panel connector
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- monitor to the mains supply
- Archimedes computer to the mains supply.

## 5. Powering up

Before beginning the test, ensure that you have saved the CMOS RAM. Then:

- 1 Turn on all equipment EXCEPT the Archimedes computer.
- 2 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
- 3 Whilst holding down the 'R' key, turn the unit on. The screen will momentarily display a red border before displaying the Desktop environment (or the Arthur supervisor prompt if the computer has not been upgraded to Arthur 1.2).
- 4 If the display is not stable, switch off the computer and repeat the procedure described in step 3.  
Normally, you need to execute the 'R' power-up procedure twice in order to display the correct screen. This is because the software toggles between two 'SYNC' options.

## 6. Running the tests.

To run the test program you should:

- 1      Hold down Shift .
- 2      Press and release Break .

The 'Dealer Test Menu' is displayed:

Dealer Test Menu

- 1    A300 Tests
- 2    A400 Tests
- 3    Podules & Upgrades
- 4    Load/Save CMOS RAM
- 5    Keyboard Test
- 6    Quit

Select the option 'Podules & Upgrades'. The next menu is displayed:

Archimedes Podule Tests

- 1    I/O Podule & MIDI Upgrade
- 2    Hard Disc Upgrade .
- 3    MIDI Podule
- 4    ROM Podule
- 5    Dual floppy disc test
- 6    Return to main menu

Select the option 'Hard Disc Upgrade'. The next menu is displayed:

Test Options

- 1    Hard Disc Format
- 2    Hard Disc Verify
- 3    Hard Disc System Soak Test
- 4    Park Hard Disc Heads and Exit

These four options should be run in the same order as they appear on the menu.

## 6.1. Formatting the hard disc

Select the option 'Hard Disc Format'. After asking which disc is to be formatted an attempt is then made to recognise the hard disc. If the program cannot identify the disc then it is probably unformatted. Choose the correct make from the list given.

Default values for the disc format are then supplied by the program and should be used:

```

Format which drive 4 or 5 ?4
The shape written on the disc matches that of a 20Mb Tandon
Do you wish to retain this shape (Y/N) ?Y
Sectors per track ?32
Heads ?4
Cylinders ?615
Low current cylinder ?1023
Precompensation cylinder ?1023
Parking cylinder ?663
Current Defects (Cylinder,Head,Sector)
(Defects may be listed here)
A: no more changes
B: add defect by cylinder, head, byte/sector
C: add defect by LOGICAL disc address (eg disc error)
D: remove defect?

```

If no defects are displayed then the hard disc is unformatted. (If defects are listed, the hard disc is formatted and the known defects are already recorded. You should therefore skip steps 1 and 2, which are described below, and proceed to step 3.)

1 Type B

2 Enter the defects recorded by the manufacturer on the label on the hard disc unit.

Once you have entered the defects, the menu is re-displayed. To format the hard disc, you should:

3 Type A. The screen then displays the message:

```
Are you certain you want to format drive 4 (Y/N)?
```

4 To format the drive, type Y and formatting begins. (The 'H/DISC' LED will flash rapidly.)

**Note:** If nothing happens, check that you carried out the upgrade correctly. The fault may be in the hard disc, the Podule or the cables. (Refer to the fitting instructions entitled: Hard disc drive upgrade kit.) If you have carried out the upgrade correctly and you are still unable to format the hard disc, replace, in the following order, the cables, the Podule or the hard disc with a known good part in order to locate the fault.

## 6.2. Verifying the hard disc

Once the hard disc is formatted it must be verified. Select the 'Hard Disc Verify' option from the menu. A message is given indicating the success or failure of the verify.

### 6.3. Soak test

After verifying the disc the 'Hard Disc System Soak Test' option should be selected. The Soak test then starts and runs for twelve hours. At the end of this period the program runs the Termination sequence and reports either a pass or fail. A record of the defects (if any) are displayed on the screen and the defects file on the hard disc is updated automatically. The final step is to copy the hard disc formatter program (WFORM) onto the hard disc. You can remove the floppy Test disc while the Soak test is running, but you should not:

- subject the Archimedes computer to any mechanical shock or movement
- turn off the computer unless the test has terminated, ie the PASSED/FAILED message is displayed and you have copied WFORM onto the hard disc.

During the Soak test the following information is displayed on the screen:

```

Acorn Computers Winchester Soak and Test (WIST)

Elapsed time...                      Test ends in...
Type                               Read/Write/Format/Verify...Write
Serial Number                      Data Pattern
Precompensation                   Cylinder Working on track
Reduced Write Current Cylinder    Seek errors
Heads                             Re-reads Required
Cylinders                         Reformats required
Park Cylinder                     Logged Defects

```

In the lower half of the screen there are four columns in which the cylinder, head and sector defects are listed as they are discovered. Any defects which the manufacturer or previous tests have logged on the drive are listed at the top of the left-hand column.

#### If any defects are detected

If any defects are detected during the Soak test, the figures for the Seek errors, Re-reads required, Reformats required, and Logged defects are highlighted in red. However, the fact that new defects are discovered does not necessarily mean that the Soak test will fail.

You should write down the cylinder, head and sector defects on a piece of paper which you should give to the customer. This information will be needed if he, or she, wants to reformat the hard disc. You do not need to update the defects file as this is done automatically.

### Copying WFORM onto the hard disc

After a successful test, the test program:

- creates a directory called LIBRARY on the hard disc
- copies the file WFORM into it

The following prompt will appear, in white, on the screen:

```
Copy file adfs::0.WFORM as adfs::4.LIBRARY.WFORM (Y/N/Q/A)?
```

You should:

- 1 Check that the Test disc is in the floppy disc drive. If you have removed the Test disc from the drive, replace it.
- 2 Copy WFORM by typing Y

You have now completed the Hard disc and Interface tests. Select the option 'Park Disc Heads and Exit' to exit the hard disc tests. Return to the main menu and select the 'Quit' option to finish.

## 7. Disconnecting the equipment

- 1 Switch OFF the power to the Archimedes computer (at the mains switch on the rear of the machine).
- 2 Switch OFF the power to the rest of the equipment.

It is important to disconnect the equipment from the Archimedes computer in the correct order, ie disconnect the:

- Archimedes computer from the mains supply
- monitor from the mains supply
- monochrome monitor from the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor from the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- keyboard from the front panel connector.

Replace the top cover of the Archimedes computer by sliding on the lid from the back of the computer, then doing up the five retaining screws.

## 8. Packing

Finally, repack the Archimedes computer in its box. Note, however, that the packaging used for the Archimedes 305 and 310 is NOT suitable for an Archimedes computer which has been upgraded with a hard disc. Do NOT send the hard disc unit through the post or by courier unless you have provided alternative packaging.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 5

### ARCHIMEDES ROM PODULE TEST

#### Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Equipment required
- 3 Removing the top cover of the Archimedes
- 4 Connecting up the equipment
- 5 Powering up
- 6 Running the test
- 7 Disconnecting the equipment
- 8 Packing

**Note:** Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

The ROM Podule test should be carried out whenever you install, repair or replace a ROM Podule.

**Note:** These instructions assume that both the Podule and the backplane holding it have already been correctly installed. Please refer to Section 4, 'Upgrading', if you need instructions for their installation or removal.

**Warning:** The test requires that the Archimedes be run with the top cover removed. Although the power supply unit is designed to comply with BS415 Class 2, take care to ensure that no metal objects fall (or are put) into the power supply unit through the ventilation holes.

#### 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the tests, you will require the following equipment:

- ROM Podule to be tested, which should be fitted already
- Archimedes computer
- Archimedes keyboard
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- 2-way backplane which should be fitted already OR
- 4-way backplane if fitted as an alternative
- monochrome monitor OR
- analogue RGB monitor.

The Archimedes computer, keyboard, Test disc, backplane and ROM Podule are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.



### 3. Removing the top cover of the Archimedes

- 1 Remove the lid of the Archimedes by undoing the five retaining screws and sliding the lid off over the back of the machine.
- 2 Ensure that the backplane and its support bar are fitted correctly.
- 3 Ensure that the ROM Podule is fitted correctly.

### 4. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes in the correct order. Connect the:

- keyboard to the front panel connector
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- monitor to the mains supply
- Archimedes to the mains supply.

### 5. Powering up

Before beginning the test, ensure that you have saved the CMOS RAM. Then:

- 1 Turn on all equipment EXCEPT the Archimedes computer.
  - 2 Insert the Test disc into the floppy disc drive.
  - 3 Whilst holding down the 'R' key, turn the computer on. If the 'R' Power-up is successful, a red border appears momentarily on the screen before the Desktop environment appears. (The Arthur supervisor prompt appears if the machine has not been upgraded to Arthur 1.2.)
  - 4 If the display is not stable, switch off the computer and repeat the procedure described in step 3.
- Normally, you need to execute the 'R' Power-up procedure twice in order to display the correct screen. This is because the software toggles between two 'SYNC' options.

## ERRATA

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| Section 2 | In addition to the equipment defined in section 2, you will require a ROM Podule test EPROM (Acorn Part No. 0276,230).                    |
| Section 3 | In addition to installing the ROM podule, you will first need to fit the test EPROM in socket 6. Also, set LK1-6 to 'C' and LK2-6 to 'A'. |
| Section 7 | Don't forget to remove the test EPROM from socket 6 of the ROM Podule. Reset the links LK1-6 and LK2-6 as appropriate.                    |

## 6. Running the test.

To run the test program you should:

- 1 Hold down Shift
- 2 Press and release Break .

The 'Dealer Test Menu' is displayed:

Dealer Test Menu

- 1 A300 Tests
- 2 A400 Tests
- 3 Podules & Upgrades
- 4 Load/Save CMOS RAM
- 5 Keyboard Test
- 6 Quit

Select the option 'Podules & Upgrades'. The next menu is displayed:

Archimedes Podule Tests

- 1 I/O Podule & MIDI Upgrade
- 2 Hard Disc Upgrade
- 3 MIDI Podule
- 4 ROM Podule
- 5 Dual floppy disc test
- 6 Return to main menu

Select the option 'ROM Podule'. The Test program is then loaded and automatically runs. When the test is finished a message is displayed to tell you whether the ROM podule has passed or failed.

You have now completed the ROM Podule tests. Return to the main menu and select the 'Quit' option to finish.

## 7. Disconnecting the equipment

It is important to disconnect the equipment from the Archimedes computer in the correct order, ie disconnect the:

- Archimedes computer from the mains supply
- monitor from the mains supply
- monochrome monitor from the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor from the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- keyboard from the front panel connector.

Replace the top cover of the Archimedes computer by sliding the lid on from the back of the computer, then doing up the five retaining screws.

## 8. Packing

Finally repack the Archimedes computer in its box. Note, however, that the packaging used for the Archimedes 305 and 310 is NOT suitable for an Archimedes computer which has been upgraded with a hard disc. Do NOT send the hard disc unit through the post or by courier unless you have provided alternative packaging.

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS: 6

### ARCHIMEDES I/O PODULE TEST & MIDI UPGRADE TEST

#### Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Equipment required
- 3 Removing the top cover of the Archimedes
- 4 Connecting up the equipment
- 5 Powering up
- 6 Running the tests
- 7 Disconnecting the equipment
- 8 Packing

**Note:** Please read all the instructions before you start.

#### 1. Introduction

The I/O Podule test should be carried out whenever you install, repair or replace an I/O Podule.

The MIDI Upgrade test should be carried out whenever you install, repair or replace the MIDI Upgrade for the I/O Podule.

**Note:** These instructions assume that the I/O Podule, the MIDI upgrade to the Podule (if fitted), and the backplane holding it have already been correctly installed. Please refer to Section 4, 'Upgrading', if you need instructions for their installation or removal.

**Warning:** The test requires that the Archimedes computer be run with the top cover removed. Although the power supply unit is designed to comply with BS415 Class 2, take care to ensure that no metal objects fall (or are put) into the power supply unit through the ventilation holes.

#### 2. Equipment required

In order to carry out the tests, you will require the following equipment:

- I/O Podule to be tested, which should be fitted already
- Archimedes computer
- Archimedes keyboard
- 3.5 inch Test disc which is write protected
- 2-way backplane which should be fitted already OR
- 4-way backplane if fitted as an alternative
- monochrome monitor OR
- analogue RGB monitor

To test the I/O Podule you will require the following additional equipment:

- Port Tester assembly

from which only the following parts are needed:

- Port Tester main PCB
- 34way IDC skt to 34way IDC skt cable assembly
- 20way IDC skt to 20way IDC skt cable assembly
- 15way IDC D type plug to 15way IDC D type plug assembly

To test a MIDI upgrade you will require the following additional equipment:

- MIDI upgrade which should be fitted already
- Acorn Econet cable

The Archimedes computer, keyboard, Test disc, backplane, I/O Podule, MIDI upgrade and Port Tester assembly are designed and specified by Acorn Computers Ltd and may not be changed without written consent from Acorn. All items should be complete with the correct cables so that you can connect them to the Archimedes computer.

### 3. Removing the top cover of the Archimedes

- 1 Remove the lid of the Archimedes computer by undoing the five retaining screws and sliding the lid off over the back of the machine.
- 2 Ensure that the backplane and its support bar are fitted correctly.
- 3 Ensure that the I/O Podule is fitted correctly.

### 4. Connecting up the equipment

It is important to connect the equipment to the Archimedes computer in the correct order. Connect the:

- keyboard to the front panel connector
- monochrome monitor to the 'Mono Video' socket OR
- analogue RGB monitor to the 'Analogue RGB' socket
- Port Tester '1MHz Bus' socket to the Archimedes' '1MHz Bus' socket, using the 34way IDC cable
- Port Tester 'User Port' socket to the Archimedes' 'User Port' socket, using the 20way IDC cable
- Port Tester 'A/D Port' socket to the Archimedes' 'Analogue Port' socket, using the 15way IDC D type cable
- MIDI IN socket to the MIDI OUT socket, using the Econet cable
- monitor to the mains supply
- Archimedes computer to the mains supply.

## 5.6 2-WAY BACKPLANE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

